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Ellen Glasgow is remembered

By Shirley Payne Low

The news that a series of lectures on "Ellen Glasgow's Virginia" would be held at the York County Library reminded me of a very special treat I wrote about two years ago—having tea in 1935 with Ellen Glasgow at 1 Main St. in Richmond.

In answer to her question about how I liked Virginia, I told her I was concerned that plumbers, electricians, etc. never came when they said they would. She replied, "Virginians are the most promising people in the world. They wouldn't be so impolite as not to promise."

VIP TIDBITS

It was my favorite professor in graduate school, Howard Mumford Jones, who made it possible for me and a friend to have those highballs and chocolate cake for tea with Ellen Glasgow. I wrote last year about his involving me in the production of Restoration plays at the University of Michigan with the company of actors he created, "Nell Gwynn's Bastards," as we called ourselves.

On reading about the upcoming lecture on Ellen Glasgow, my first thought was that I must let Howard know that there still is an interest in Ellen Glasgow here in Virginia.

Then, sadly, I remembered that Howard died a few years ago. In a letter I received from him dated April 18, 1974, he wrote:

"Your letter was very welcome and I am glad to have this gap in time filled in a bit. I went to Mary Baldwin College in the valley to join with seven or eight other people in a day-long Ellen Glasgow celebration, and gave another lecture on the following day in Richmond at the public library, and I tried to get the Glasgow specialists interested in furthering some sort of new, collected edition of her work, but I think the thing died aborning.

"At least, after writing a good many letters to a good many people I can fish up from the cloudy depths of the Virginia indifference only the fact that our addresses are all collected in a single centenary volume. But what is the good of a centenary volume if the reader can't find any of the books the centenary volume is all about? It struck me, on re-reading her with some care, that few Southern writers have developed and enriched their capacity to invent and control techniques of fiction and of style as Ellen did."

Howard Mumford Jones would be pleased that a lecture series on Ellen Glasgow is actually being given in Virginia. Maybe it will inspire a collected edition of her work Howard hoped for.





Library series centers on Virginia writer

A free lecture and discussion series titled "Ellen Glasgow's Virginia" will be presented at 2:30 p.m. on five Sundays during March and April in the York County Public Library.

Ms. Glasgow is considered one of Virginia's major writers. The series will take an in-depth look at the author and the portrait she paints of Virginia, its history and people.

The series is sponsored by the library and the Yorktown Branch, American Association of University Women, through a grant from the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy.

At each lecture, a scholar will give an overview of one of Ms. Glasgow's books and explore the author's life and era - 1890 to 1930 in Richmond.

Participants are invited to prepare for the series by reading each book before the lecture. Copies will be available in the library.

Because of limited seating, advance registration is requested. To register call the library at 898-0077.

The schedule of books and lectures is as follows:

- March 10 - Keynote address, Dr. Edgar MacDonald, retired English professor from Randolph-Macon Col-

lege and past editor of "Ellen Glasgow Newsletter."

- March 17 - "The Sheltered Life," Ritchie Watson, English professor from Randolph-Macon College.

- March 31 - "Virginia," Mary Kittern, English professor, Randolph-Macon College.

- April 14 - "Barren Ground," Tonnette Bond Inge, Delphi Research Association, Washington, D.C.

- April 28 - "Voice of the People," Joseph Harkey, Professor of English, Virginia Wesleyan College, Virginia Beach.

MacDonald opens lecture series

Dr. Edgar MacDonald, retired Randolph-Macon College English professor, will open the "Ellen Glasgow's Virginia" lecture series at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the York County Public Library.

MacDonald is keynote speaker for the free lecture series and former editor of the "Ellen Glasgow Newsletter." He'll be introduced by Rodgers A. Smith, chairman of the York County Board of Supervisors.

Ms. Glasgow is a Virginia author and several of her books are topics of the series. The books are available in the library.

About 65 people have registered for the series, which is sponsored by the library and the American Association of University Women through a grant from the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy. To register, call the library at 898-0077.

Unyielding land central to Glasgow novel

BARREN GROUND, by Ellen Glasgow;
reviewed by Ann McNulty

(Editor's note: This review is presented in anticipation of the Ellen Glasgow lecture series coming up at the York County Public Library in March and April. The reviewer lives in Marlbank.)

"Barren Ground" is, in a broad sense, a story of the South; in a more relative sense it is the story of the results achieved when strong-willed, imperious Dorinda Oakley sets out to restore the barren soil of "Old Farm," the 1,000-acre tract of land bequeathed her by her parents.

Dorinda is born at "Old Farm" and lives there until, at the age of 20, her fiancé, Jason Greylock, jilts her and marries the daughter of a neighboring farmer. Following this episode, Dorinda learns she is pregnant, and, rather

Books

than bring disgrace to her family, runs away to New York and there makes a new life for herself among the indifferent city dwellers. Life in the city is not satisfying to Dorinda, however, and she begins to dream of returning to her birthplace and reclaiming the tired land of "Old Farm."

The remainder of the novel concerns itself with the almost superhuman endurance and drive Dorinda manifests in her battle against the reluctant earth. She toils unceasingly and, under her tutelage, the land once again becomes the proud, rich soil of the

South.

In reading this novel, one has the feeling that the human personalities involved are not the important factors in the story. More important than any one individual is the grasping, unyielding, terrible force of the land. The poor, unwise farmers, failing to realize that the land has been badly impoverished by the Civil War, continue to drain the lingering fertility remaining in the soil for the sake of the few poor crops they can harvest each year. Dorinda's plan of rotating crops and plowing fields under seems, to her neighboring farmers, to be the ultimate in foolishness.

Authors usually choose as their subject places and people with whom they are familiar. Miss Glasgow is no exception to this rule. One has merely to read the first chapter of "Barren Ground" to realize that the South, and

Virginia in particular, is beloved and well known by the author. Dorinda Oakley or the other inhabitants of Pedlar's Mill may not long linger in the mind of the reader, but it is doubtful if the reader will ever forget Miss Glasgow's apt description of the utter desolation and loneliness of "Old Farm" in mid-winter or, on the other hand, of the near beauty of the same farm in early spring.

Considering the author's ability to describe minutely the various aspects of Southern tenant farming, one can readily understand why she chose "Barren Ground" as the title of her novel. Barren ground it was, and would still be but for the efforts and loving care of Dorinda Oakley and her like, who proved that "it wa'n't the land that was wrong, but the way you treated it."

Series to study Virginia author

By **KATHY WILLIAMSON**
Staff Writer

Ellen Glasgow was a woman who seemed to know of times to come.

In books such as "The Barren Ground" and "The Sheltered Life" written in the early part of this century, the Virginia author had her fictional women deal with issues contemporary women face daily: whether or not to marry ... whether or not to give up a career for marriage ... whether or not to maintain independence.

"Glasgow was dealing realistically with these issues in her fiction long before the country was aware of women's rights" are statements you find in biographical material on the young woman, who lived all but five of her 72 years in the family home at One West Main in Richmond.

In fact, women writers during Miss Glasgow's time were not looked upon favorably so her first book, "The Descendant," was published anonymously in 1897. A mild sensation accompanied the book, which people speculated was written by a man; Miss Glasgow was flattered by the fact that her work had been judged by male literary standards.

Born April 22, 1873, Ellen Anderson Gholson Glasgow wrote 19 novels, many of which were best-sellers, including a Pulitzer Prize in fiction for "In This Our Life" in 1942. The award-winning book was also made into a film starring Bette Davis, Olivia de Havilland and Dennis Morgan.

Ellen Glasgow and four of her works — "The Sheltered Life," "Virginia," "Barren Ground" and "The Voice of the People" — will be



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Ellen Glasgow is shown here about the time she wrote "Barren Ground."

the topics of a lecture and discussion series to begin in March.

Sponsored by the York County Public Library and the Yorktown Branch of The American Association of University Women, the series will be held at the library at 2:30 p.m. on the Sundays March 10, 17 and 31 and April 14 and 28.

Pre-registration is encouraged and participants should read the books ahead of time in order to get the most out of the series. The York County library has 54 copies of the books on hand so Librarian Beverly Dudley hopes many will take advantage of the opportunity.

A slide and tape show on Miss Glasgow, who died in 1945, and her work can be seen in the library's meeting room March 1-9.

The series is financed by a \$1,650 grant from the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy.

"It's to bring culture to the out-of-school adults," explains Ms. Dudley. "The series is built around books, and it was suggested that a group be asked to serve as co-sponsor. Immediately came to mind was the book study group in the AAUW."

Kristina Thomsen and the 16 members in the book study group have been helping prepare promotional material for the series.

Speakers in the series will include:

- March 10 — Dr. Edgar MacDonald, retired English professor from Randolph-Macon College in Ashland and past editor of the "Ellen Glasgow Newsletter," will be the keynote speaker, talking about Miss Glasgow's life.

- March 17 — Ritchie Watson, an English professor at Randolph-Macon, will discuss "The Sheltered Life." In this 1932 book, Glasgow defines female characters who have been brought up in the unrealistic

innocence the South gave its women. "They learn the options and lack of options expected of them," says Mrs. Thomsen. "Ellen Glasgow was sort of the forerunner of women's lib."

- March 31 — Mary Kitterman, also an English professor at Randolph-Macon, will conduct the discussion on "Virginia," a title which names the location of the story and the main female character. Virginia's father is a minister, and her mother leads a life of total submission. Having lost a love, Oliver Treadwell, Virginia is alone with no life, no identity, no resources.

- April 14 — Tonnelle Bond Inge from the Delphi Research Association in Washington will lead the session on "Barren Ground," which Mrs.

Thomsen says has more "meat to it than 'Sheltered Life.'" Dorinda, the strong female character in the 1925 "Barren Ground," makes a life for herself and falls in love with a weak, irresponsible doctor who ends up marrying someone else. Carrying the man's child, she returns to the farm, holds her head high and again makes it in that culture.

- April 28 — Joseph Harkey, professor of English from Virginia Wesleyan College in Norfolk, will talk about "The Voice of the People," published in 1900. A young man and woman, childhood playmates, are briefly engaged but decide to follow the direction of their separate ancestries. The book reinforces Glasgow's recurring theme that people shape their destinies; it points how men can work hard to achieve higher-than-birth status while women are forced to marry into their station of life.

For more information on the series, contact the library at 898-0077.

York County Public Library
and
Yorktown Branch of The American Association of University Women

presents

Ellen Glasgow's Virginia

What

A Lecture-Discussion Series

When

Sundays at 2:30 P.M.
March 10, 17, and 31
April 14 and 28

Where

York County Public Library
Rt. 17 between Ft. Eustis Blvd. (Rt. 105) and Cook Rd.
Yorktown, VA 23692
898-0077

Five scholars explore the life and work of Ellen Glasgow, one of Virginia's major writers. The lecture-discussion series will take an in-depth look at Glasgow and the portraits she paints of Virginia, its history and people. The scholars will give an overview of Glasgow's life and accomplishments; examine her milieu, Richmond from 1890 to 1930; and discuss four of her books, *Virginia*, *Barren Ground*, *The Sheltered Life*, and *The Voice of the People*.

Participants are invited to prepare for the series by reading the books and any additional materials "by" or "about" the author. Copies of the books to be read are available in the York County Public Library and possibly other local libraries. A slide tape presentation on Glasgow, prepared by Ms. Connie Cummins, will be available for viewing at York County Library March 1-9. The sponsors of this lecture-discussion series hope you will plan to attend all five meetings.

March 10

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Edgar MacDonald, Keynote
English Professor, Randolph-Macon, Ashland
Retired, 1984. Past editor "Ellen Glasgow Newsletter."

March 17

The Sheltered Life

Ritchie Watson, English Professor
Randolph-Macon College

March 31

Virginia

Mary Kittermian, English Professor
Randolph-Macon College

April 14

Barren Ground

Tonnette Bond Inge, Delphi Research Assoc.
Washington, D.C.

April 28

Voice of the People

Joseph Harkey, Professor of English
Virginia Wesleyan College, Norfolk

Limited seating. Please register by calling York County Library (898-0077).
Hours: Monday-Friday 10 A.M.-9 P.M., Saturday 10 A.M.-2 P.M.
Book Group AAUW-Project Director
These lectures are made possible by a grant from the Virginia Foundation
for the Humanities and Public Policy.

York library will change

YORKTOWN — Friday and Saturday hours at the York County Public Library will change beginning March 8.

The library will close at 6pm on Fridays, but will extend its hours on Saturday until 5pm.

A reference librarian will be available for the first time March 4, and will be on duty weekdays after 3pm and all day Saturdays.

The new hours for the library are Monday-Thursday 10am-9pm, Friday 10am-6pm and Saturday 10am-5pm.

weekend hours

Library hours change

Friday and Saturday operating hours of the York County Public Library will change beginning March 8.

The library will close at 6 p.m. Fridays, but will extend its Saturday hours until 5 p.m. The library currently closes at 2 p.m. Saturdays.

A reference librarian will be available for the first time March 4 and will be on duty after 3 p.m. weekdays and all day Saturdays.

The library's new hours will be:

- Mondays through Thursdays — 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Fridays — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturdays — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*The Friends of the York County Public Library
cordially invite you to attend a*

Dinner

in honor of the

Volunteers and Past Officers

Wednesday, the Twenty Seventh of March

at half past six o'clock

R.D.P. by March 20

898-0078

898-8080

York County Public Library

York Library's staff welcomes three part-time employees: PAT HUCK, ETHEL PETERSON and JILL MANGIERI. All three were library volunteers before joining the staff.

--C. Stiff

CHARLOTTE OWENS has joined the York Library staff along with three other newcomers listed last month. Charlotte has been a library volunteer and is experienced in the work there. Welcome!

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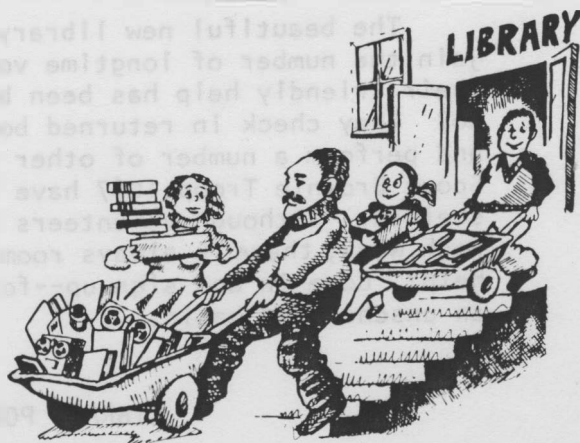
Library News

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK--ARE WE "A NATION OF READERS"?

In observing National Library Week (April 14-20) York County Public Library salutes its own "Community of Readers" whose heavy and enthusiastic use of the new library has shown what a welcome and necessary addition it is to the County.

In the first six full months of operation, this is what has been happening at the York County Library:

- 3,000 new membership cards were issued.
- 78,014 items were loaned (7,120 more than during the same period last year.)
- 2,269 books were added to the collection.
- 213 audio-visual items were added, plus an uncounted number of paperbacks.
- 131 meetings were held in the meeting room--since September 10.
- 328 hours of computer time were logged since January (3 months)
- 14,600 copies were made on the new copier since January (3 months)



In addition: twelve newspapers and about 100 periodicals are now received on a regular basis, and are heavily used. A new magazine index reader helps patrons find reference materials in past issues of magazines, which are kept for five years, and are used on an average of 200 times a month. There is no way to count the many numbers of times reference books are used within the library.

Current catalogs from colleges in the Southern states, and many other major colleges, are now available on microfiche, and can be read and copied on the new microfiche reader-printer.

"The Battle of Yorktown," a new 30-minute video cassette, is available for viewing in the library, or for loan to groups for educational purposes.

Four new employees, one full-time and three part-time, have been added to the staff. They are Charlotte Owens, Ethel Peterson, Pat Huck, and Jill Mangieri. All of them were library volunteers before joining the staff and are experienced in library work.

Two new members have been appointed to the Library Board of Trustees for a four-year term: Cynthia Peters and Robert Desmarais, who are replacing Diane Holland and Amanda McLean on the Board. Elizabeth Rogers was elected Chairman for this year.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Additional microfiche readers are now in the library. Future plans include periodicals on microfiche, and capability for microfilm reading.

A generous gift from the York Lions to the Friends of the Library has made possible the purchase of a video projection unit which projects TV and video cassettes on a large screen and has special capabilities to decode closed-caption programs and cassettes for the hearing impaired.

Beginning with National Library Week a new quarterly, Openers, produced by the American Library Association, will be available as a handout. It includes reviews of new and forthcoming books and magazine articles, TV tie-ins, and other interesting information.

The library's shelf-list catalog is now in the process of being recorded on microfilm through a grant from the Virginia State Library. Although the library will continue to use its card catalog for the present, production of this database is the first step towards eventual automation.

FRIENDS AND VOLUNTEERS

The Friends of the Library is a volunteer organization that raises funds to benefit the library, and whose members spend a great deal of their own time helping the library in many ways. Library Volunteers are other friends who give their free time on a regular basis to perform special library chores. On March 24 they got together when the Friends of the Library treated the Library Volunteers and staff to a delightful buffet dinner in the Library Meeting Room. Special thanks and many compliments were paid to Virginia Cervi for her superb catering.

MORE ABOUT VOLUNTEERS

The beautiful new library has enticed quite a few more volunteer workers to join the number of longtime volunteers who made the move from the old building. Their friendly help has been both outstanding and indispensable. What do they do? They check in returned books, mend books, jacket and pocket books, type, and perform a number of other necessary chores. Girl Scout Troop 1307 and Girl Scout Brownie Troop 1067 have helped by periodically checking and straightening shelves. Although volunteers are helping the library staff for a number of hours each week, there is always room for one more--or many more. Would you like to help? Come in and sign up--for a couple of hours per week, or per month, or on an unscheduled basis.

LIBRARY POLICY CHANGES--AND THE REASONS WHY

Loan Period

A few changes were made in library policies with the move to the new building. In preparation for the move, which entailed closing for a week, the loan period was extended from two weeks to four. This met with such approval from most patrons that it was decided to keep the long loan period for most materials, excepting those for which there was a great demand: new fiction, best-sellers of all kinds, books with reserve requests, and all audio-visual materials.

In addition to pleasing patrons who find it difficult to return books within two weeks, it was hoped that the longer loan period would reduce the great many overdue books, which presented a problem that always used a lot of staff time. The most unpleasant job for library staffers is calling patrons to remind them of overdue books. One disadvantage to the longer loan period, of course, is that more books are checked out at all times, and there is a longer wait for a book to come back. Readers are urged--please try to bring your books back as soon as possible.

Renewals

In attempting to relieve a busy and sometimes harried staff, it was decided to follow the practice of other libraries and stop making renewals by phone. Two-week books and audio-visuals are never renewable, and it was felt that a month's loan period should obviate the necessity for renewals except in rare instances.

New Non-fiction Location

A change in the shelving of non-fiction was also made. All non-fiction, both adult and juvenile, is now shelved together. This solved the problem of having books on the same subject in two locations and cataloged in separate card catalogs.

Library Hours

The latest change to be made is in the library hours. Beginning in March, in response to a strong demand for more weekend hours, and to better accommodate the times of actual library use, Saturday hours were extended to 5 pm, and Friday evening hours omitted after 6 pm.

ABOUT BOOK DONATIONS

During the many years since York County Library came into existence, it has been the recipient of many donations of books. Donations are always checked to see if they can be used in the library. If they can't--and if they are usable at all, they have usually been given to the Friends for book sales. But the Friends now have more than they can handle, and the library staff has been overwhelmed with donations, many of which are not usable at all. Although grateful for any help to the library, please carefully consider donations before bringing them in. Obsolete textbooks, mildewed, musty, or worn books should be discarded, not donated.

Volunteers thanked for library work

The York County Board of Supervisors recently recognized county residents for their volunteer service to the York County Public Library with Certificates of Achievement.

The volunteers' names were recorded in the supervisors' official records for their accomplishments.

The volunteers include Lydia Andrews, Dorothy Brigman, Dianne S. Brown, Lou Canady, Beth Carey, Ruth Chiles, Mary Cornell, Lois Crockett, Charlotte Deadwyler, Martha Dow-

ling, Catherine Ensley, Louise Gallagher, Dottie Giles, Jim Hadden, Margaret Tussler, Jean Wimmer, Alice Frady and Carol B. King.

Also, ~~Peggy~~ Hadden, Diane Holland, George Jones, Alice Kyser, Edith Lee, Peg McNulty, Penny Martin, Beth Nolan, Cyndy Peters, Diane Schoonover, Jean Smith, Pauline Stanley, Mary K. Sykes, Martha Tosti, Dayton Ward, Betty Rollins, Marine C. Pyle, Christina Richardson and Girl Scout Troop 1307, led by Rosemary Ijank.

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~~the public. To register, call 898-0050.~~

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Library to give balloons away

Free helium balloons will be given to children who visit York County Library this week in observance of National Library Week while supplies last. The library is celebrating the annual event for the first time since the new facilities opened last fall.

Three thousand new members have been added since the opening, for a total membership of 15,600. With more

space available, the library has added 2,269 books and now subscribes to 12 newspapers and 100 periodicals.

The new community room has been used for 131 meetings, and 328 hours have been logged on the computer now available for public use.

The library collection totals 31,000 books, 1,000 audio cassettes and 150 video cassettes (VHS and Beta). Circulation since the opening is 78,000 items.

Adults who visit the library during National Library Week will receive free copies of the American Library Association quarterly, "Openers,"

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Library video-equipped

YORKTOWN — Representatives from the Friends of the York County Public Library, the York County Lions Club and the library staff met last week at the library to initiate operation of a video projection monitor complete with a VHS video cassette recorder, a telecaptioning adapter and video cassetts of recent films.

This equipment, purchased by the Friends with a donation from the Lions Club, will allow audio-visually impaired York County residents to "see" and "hear" films and television programs through use of a large 78-inch screen and captioned subtitles.

The York Lions, long a community leader in assisting the audio-visually impaired, worked closely with Tina Richardson, treasurer of the Friends, in this effort, which culminated in the presentation of \$3,000 to the Friends from Lions President Bruce Conway.

The equipment is now operational, and is available to impaired individuals and/or groups for viewing. Inquiries for further information or arrangements should be directed to Beverly Dudley, chief librarian, at 898-0077.

which describes new or soon to be published books. The local library newsletter, "Library News," also is available.

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Library Is Growing

With more room comes more programs and other offerings at the York County Library.

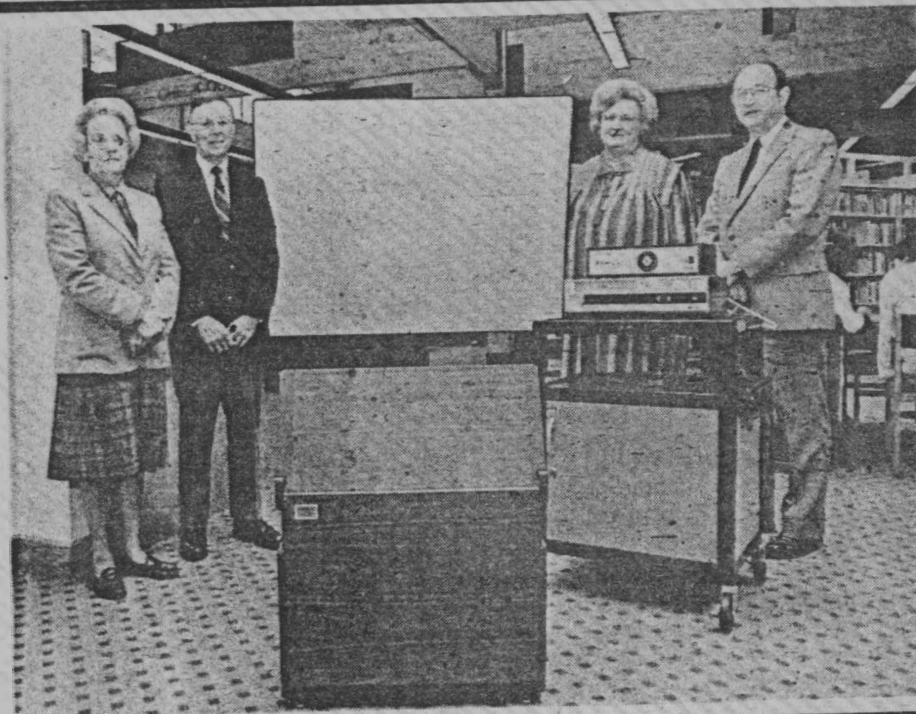
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Seeing aids

A new 78-inch television screen featuring subtitled movies is part of video equipment recently added to the York County Public Library. A \$3,000 donation from the York County Lions Club made it possible for the Friends of the Library to purchase the equipment for audio-visually impaired residents. Tina Richardson (left), treasurer of the Friends, Gene Cervi, group president, Beverly Dudley, librarian and Charlie Cunningham of the York Lions initiated operation of the equipment at the library.

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Library ready for summer of reading

A reading club and a movie series will make the summer more enjoyable for area youngsters, thanks to the York County Public Library.

Any child who was in grades one through six in the just-ended school year is invited to join the Summer Quest Reading Club which begins June 17 and ends Aug. 7. Books reported on must have been read after the closing of school and must have come from the library's collection. No preregistration is necessary.

A reading log will be kept in the library for each child. Two reading levels will be available, varying in difficulty and the prizes awarded.

A special log will be kept for preschool and kindergarten pupils who want to participate, but only books read to them by members of their family will be entered. No prizes will be awarded.

A kickoff contest with a drawing for special prizes will be held June 17-22, the opening week. Come to the library for more details.

Summer movies appropriate for elementary school-age children will be shown Tuesdays and Wednesdays from June 18 through Aug. 21. The same films will be shown at 2 p.m. Tuesdays and 10 a.m. Wednesdays. Movies will last 45 minutes to an hour. Feature-length films will be shown in July. Preschool children are invited to attend the movies, but they must be accompanied by an adult.

No story hours for preschool children will be held during the summer. The regular story hours will resume after school begins in the fall.

The library's hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.



Library pages: Karen Wills, Sherry Meigs, David Powell, Kim Rohrbach. June, 1985

Friends of Library elect officers

Friends of the York County Public Library April 24 and elected the following officers for 1985-1986: President, Gene Cervi; first vice president, Jim McNulty; second vice president Peggy Stora; recording secretary, Ethel Peterson; corresponding secretary, Beth Carey; treasurer, Tina Richardson.

The Friends will hold a sidewalk book sale June 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the County Fair in the Grafton Shopping Center. A large collection of fiction, non-fiction and children's books will be available; hard cover and paperback books will be priced at 25 cents and 10 cents, respectively. All wishing to donate books to the booksale are requested to bring the books to the sale site on the day of the sale.

meeting on

Beauty at the library

YORKTOWN — The York County Public Library invites you to "Be a More Beautiful Woman" through a series of four free demonstrations/lectures given by local fashion and beauty consultants.

The topics include dressing for success, dressing with your seasonal color, skin care/make-up, and hair styling. The 90-minute sessions will be held at 7pm on successive Wednesdays, June 26 through July 17.

Register in person at the library or by phone, 898-0077.

Yorktown Civic Wed. June

Free library lectures focus on beauty

The York County Public Library invites you to "Be a More Beautiful Woman" through a series of four free demonstrations/lectures given by local fashion and beauty consultants.

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Programs are:

- June 26 — "Hair Style With Flair" - How to choose the hair cut and style to best suit your hair type and face shape, presented by Jan Hall, Cosmetologist of the New Beginning.

- July 3 — "Dress Up Your Life" - How to build a basic wardrobe appropriate to the season and to your lifestyle, presented by Shari Binard, Assistant Manager of Casual Corner.

A \$25 gift certificate from Casual Corner will be given as a door prize.

- July 10 — "Color Your Outlook" - Choose clothing according to your own seasonal color, presented by Meredith Bell, Independent Consultant of Beauty for All Seasons.

- July 17 — "Makeup Your Day" - How to take care of your skin and choose the appropriate makeup for your coloring and lifestyle, presented by John Hall, Cosmetologist of the New Beginning.

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LIBRARY ASSISTANT TO END COUNTY EMPLOYMENT

Library staff members and patrons are saddened that at the end of June, Library Assistant CLARE STIFFT will be ending her employment with York County.

Clare came to the library soon after its move to Grafton Shopping Center and "was with us during the expansion there and later the move to the new library," says Head Librarian BEVERLY DUDLEY. "Clare has been the staff authority on literature and grammar," says Beverly. Genealogy and County history were also big interests, she says. She always knows where information on "such and such" can be found.

Clare plans to travel with her husband, now retired from the Air Force. But when she's in town she will continue at least some of the time as a volunteer.

--B. Dudley

Library More library money sought from York

By SUSIE DORSEY
Staff Writer

WILLIAMSBURG — A fee for York County residents using the Williamsburg Regional Library will be considered unless the county increases its contribution for next year.

Williamsburg City Council members agreed Thursday to ask county supervisors to appropriate the \$30,000 requested for fiscal year 1986, which begins July 1.

"Otherwise we will have to consider making other arrangements," Mayor Robert C. Walker said.

Walker said James City

County Supervisors' Chairman Jack Edwards will join the appeal to York to continue the county's financial participation.

York's requested contribution is 5 percent of the library's \$600,000 annual budget. In return, county residents would continue to receive unrestricted use of the library. Currently, York residents account for about 13 percent of the library's cardholders and 15 percent of its use.

York supervisors are considering appropriating only \$15,000, with the possibility of more reductions in the future.

Williamsburg and James City

operate the library under a contractual arrangement.

York has declined to be a part of the formal organization. Although York residents from Bruton District use the library regularly, supervisors have indicated little interest in contributing to the Williamsburg library since York opened its own library.

According to the monthly report of Librarian Martha Vasquez, the Williamsburg library has 16,802 registered users, with 2,713 of them — 16.1 percent — from York.

Councilman Gil Granger said that if York were charged for

just 13 percent of the library budget, it would pay between \$75,000 and \$80,000.

Council's appeal to the York supervisors came at the request of the library Board of Trustees, which passed a resolution urging council and James City supervisors to urge York to participate in the library operation on a contractual arrangement.

Without a contract, the library board will consider a fee for York residents.

The resolution says the anticipated \$15,000 contribution from York is inadequate to compensate for use by York residents.

Library debated

By RAY BETZNER
Staff Writer

YORK — Disagreement over a \$25,000 item will come to a head tonight as the county Board of Supervisors considers the \$42.2 million fiscal year 1986 budget.

Supervisors have yet to agree on how much money they will give to the Williamsburg Regional Library. The library board requested \$30,000. County Administrator John Richardson recommended that the county contribute \$25,000, but supervisors cut that to \$15,000 during a work session two weeks ago.

Supporters of increasing the contribution are expected to speak at tonight's meeting and reinforce a slew of letters the board has received from residents and the governing bodies of Williamsburg and James City County.

Those in favor of cutting the contribution also are marshaling their forces.

At issue is how much the county should pay Williamsburg Regional Library for services residents from the Bruton District of York County receive from the library.

Supporters of the higher funding point out that Williamsburg and James City County would be making higher contributions per user to the library than York even if York were to give \$25,000.

Opponents say York County does not ask Gloucester County for money, even though Gloucester residents use the new York County library on Route 17. They also say Hampton and Newport News do not ask for money, even though York County residents use libraries in those two cities.

If the board can reach no agreement at tonight's meeting, the budget approval would have to be made at a special meeting before June 30. FY86 begins July 1.

York's contribution to regional library should match York's use

YORK COUNTY — I emphatically disagree with York County Board of Supervisors' "vote" to reduce our county's contribution to the operating expenses of the Williamsburg Regional Library. The board should reconsider its decision when it meets today.

At the time of the 1980 Census, our county had a total population of 35,463 residents with 10,345 people residing in Bethel District, 7,741 in Bruton District, 9,138 in Grafton District, and 8,239 in Nelson District.

The Williamsburg Regional Library is closer than the new York County Library in Grafton for all residents of Bruton District and many residents of Nelson District.

Therefore, it is logical that approximately 10,000 York County residents find it more convenient (and fuel-conserving) to utilize the Williamsburg Regional Library rather than the York County Library.

Their use of the Williamsburg facility also results in a reduction in traffic on the most congested and accident-prone

highway in the county, Route 17.

James City County's population was 22,763 at the time of the 1980 census while Williamsburg's was 9,870. When these local residents are added to the 10,000 York County residents discussed above, the Williamsburg Regional Library has a user base of nearly 43,000 residents, of which 23 percent are York County residents.

In terms of actual Williamsburg library utilization, Ms. Martha Vasquez, director, states that 2,713 (16.1 percent) of the 16,802 library cardholders on May 30, 1985 were York County residents. Furthermore, 9,648 (15.7 percent) of the 61,360 persons checking out items from that library between Jan. 1 and May 30, 1985 were York County residents.

The proposed York County budget for the coming fiscal year includes \$25,000 as a contribution to the Williamsburg Regional Library. Supervisors have decided that this amount should be reduced to \$15,000.

If Williamsburg and James City County each contribute

\$225,000 as proposed, the revised York County contribution will only equal 3.2 percent of the library's funding from municipalities, even though York County residents require 16 percent of the library's services. The original proposal of \$25,000, which would have equalled 5.3 percent of the library's funding from municipalities, was only one-third of what it should have been, yet the Board of Supervisors has decided to reduce it by 40 percent.

For what reason?

The proposed York County budget includes \$206,804 for operation of the new county library in Grafton, plus \$109,703 for debt service on the building and grounds. Added together, these two items total \$316,507 or \$8.92 per (1980 Census) resident when all county residents are included in the divisor. If only those residents likely to use the county library due to its geographical location (which was a Board of Supervisors decision) are included in the divisor, proposed operating and debt service costs amount to over \$12

per resident.

Yet my county wants to contribute only \$1.50 per resident to the Williamsburg Regional Library for the full one-quarter of its population that is more likely to use that facility than the more distant county facility. James City County will be contributing \$9.88 per (1980 Census) resident while the City of Williamsburg will be contributing \$22.80 per (1980 Census) resident.

As an American, I have always been proud to pay my taxes because I respect my obligation to pay my fair share for the services which I desire as a citizen. I feel that it is equally important that the representatives whom I elect distribute my tax money and that of my fellow citizens fairly.

York County, by reducing its contribution to the Williamsburg Regional Library is asking that its neighboring municipal-

ities finance the services which it should be financing. I have never asked my neighbor to pay my tax obligations for me, either directly or indirectly, and I am ashamed that York County is doing so in my name.

At minimum, next year's contribution should be the \$30,000 requested by the library. Once this has been approved, then planning can begin to raise the contribution level in following years so that we are paying our fair share.

An \$85,000 annual contribution would pay 16 percent of the Williamsburg Regional Library's funding from municipalities. If we can afford to spend \$12 per lower county resident per year for library services, can't we afford to spend \$8.50 per resident per year for library services for upper county residents? If we don't, how long do you think the City of Williamsburg residents will gladly pay

nearly \$23 per resident per year in order to finance those of us who "cheat on their taxes?"

I did not object when the York County Board of Supervisors decided on the Grafton location for the new county library, because I strongly believe that all county residents should be served by a geographically close, well-stocked library facility. The lower county needed that new facility and I have supported it with my tax dollars even though I do not use it.

But the Board of Supervisors should not use the existence of that facility as a reason to reduce the county's contribution to other facilities used by other segments of its population. York County residents need both facilities, not just the new one in Grafton.

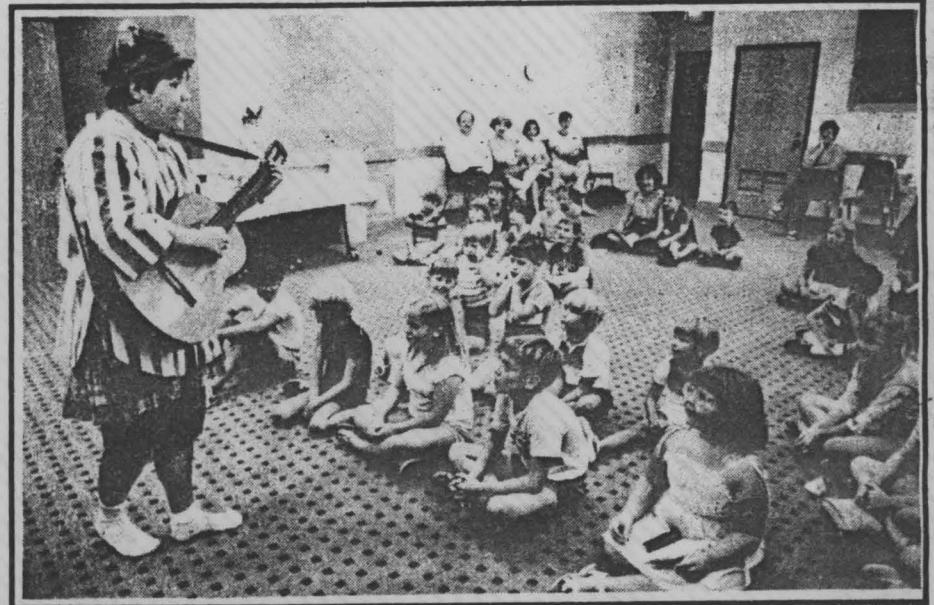
James N. Rubright is a frequent user of the Williamsburg Regional Library.



Clown Mickey Reed entertained at the York County Library's summer reading party first with puppets (left) and next with an amusing song (right).

Reading club clowns around

After an industrious summer, York County Public Library's reading club members were entertained at a party by clown, puppeteer and musician Mickey Reed.



Drawings were held for Busch Gardens tickets. The five winners of the tickets were: Amanda Roberts, Shawanda Williams, Ian MacPherson, Laura Thomas and Stephanie Blankenship. Coupons for ice cream cones at B.J.'s Ice Cream Emporium in Grafton were also given away.

The party concluded a summer filled with reading club activities

such as a trivia contest, weekly movies and special programs.

Approximately 128 children participated in the program. This included 26 preschoolers who were in the "read to me" program.

Fifteen children read at least 40 books and completed the second level of the reading club program. Another 53 children completed their record logs by reading at least eight books.



Reading club party

YORKTOWN -- The Friends of the York County Public Library will sponsor a party for members of the Summer Quest Reading Club Friday, Aug. 9, at 1pm at the library.

There will be refreshments, prizes and entertainment by Mickey Reed, a musician, clown and puppeteer. The names of five reading club members will be drawn for free tickets to Busch Gardens.

Summer Quest is a summer program to encourage first- through sixth-graders to read books from many different categories. The program began June 17 and covered eight categories -- nature, mystery, real life, adventure, giggles, long ago, other worlds, and sports and hobbies. About 100 children participated.

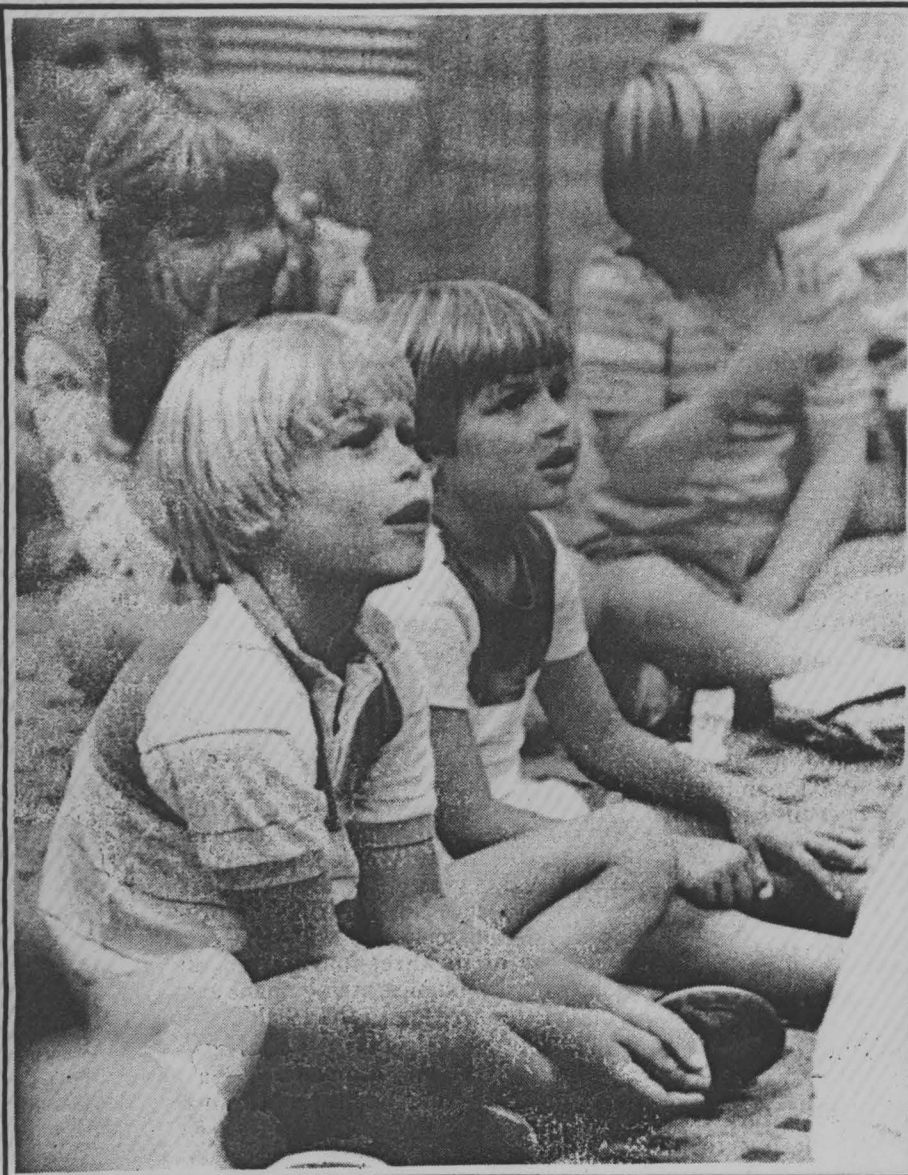
YorkTown Chief - Aug. 11, 1985

Celebrating a summer of reading

York County's public library was filled with youngsters last Friday when the summer reading program ended with a party. Featured fun-maker was puppeteer Mickey Reed, who entertained with music and games. There were goodies to eat and drink afterward. Above, Sarah White munches some munchies; Mary Sheppard checks out the photographer. At right, Reed puts some words in puppet Mavis' mouth. Below, Michael Burns, left, his twin Nigel and Robble Williams snap fingers in rhythm with the music.



While some of the reading club members (below) concentrated on catching the clown's every action, others like Alex Finger (right) couldn't contain their reactions.



Yorktown Crier 9/4/85
Library story hours

YORKTOWN -- The York County Public Library will resume its children's pre-school story program on Tuesday mornings beginning Sept. 10 at 10:30am.

The program, for ages 3 to 5, consists of storytelling, songs and movies, and lasts approximately one hour.

No pre-registration is necessary. Children will meet in the community meeting room at the library on Route 17 at Harrod Lane, just south of Cook Road.

York Town Crier 9/18/85
Flower lecture

YORKTOWN -- The York County Public Library is sponsoring a lecture and demonstration, "Self Expression in Floral Design," by Paul Freeman, florist and owner of Freeman Florists shops in Grafton and Poquoson.

The presentation is Wednesday, Sept. 18, 7:30pm in the library's community meeting room. Advance registration is requested, but not required.

Freeman will work with newer and exotic products from the flower council of Holland and around the world, demonstrating the care and handling of flowers.

The demonstration is open to the public.

Yorktown Crier, Wednesday 9/25/85
Reading helpers

YORKTOWN -- The York County Public Library will be the site of a series of four Wednesday workshops on Oct. 9, 16, 23 and 30, 9:15 to 11:45am, for members of the community who want to learn more about helping children with reading at home or as volunteers in the schools.

The workshops are being cooperatively presented by the Peninsula Library Council and the county public schools.

Telephone 898-0300 for further information.

DAILY PRESS 10/2/85
Investments course

A free five-week course on investments and markets will be held at 7 p.m. ~~Tuesdays~~, beginning Oct. 8, in the York County Public Library.

Martha Ingles, who has more than 11 years of experience in the banking and brokerage fields, will teach the series, sponsored by the library. She is currently associated with Thomson McKinnon Securities Inc.

The course is designed to benefit both beginning investors and experienced investors looking for greater investment sophistication. It will cover most types of investments and markets with emphasis on understanding how they work, the risks and rewards, and tax implications.

The class is free, but advance registration is requested. The class will be limited to 20 members. For more information, call the library at 898-0077.

Yorktown Crier, 10-24-85
Ellen Glasgow film

YORKTOWN -- A movie, "In This Our Life," will be shown at the York County Public Library Sunday, Nov. 3, at 2:30pm as a follow-up to the lecture and discussion series presented last spring on "Ellen Glasgow's Virginia."

The series was sponsored by the library through a grant from the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy with the aid of the book group of the Yorktown Branch of the American Association of University Women.

The movie is offered free to the public, and would be of special interest to those who attend the Glasgow series. It is based on Miss Glasgow's last novel and features actress Bette Davis.

For more information, call the library at 898-0077.

"In This Our Life." Film, follow-up to "Ellen Glasgow's Virginia" lecture and discussion series, York County Library Route 17, Yorktown, 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Free. Call 898-0077.

Children's Book Week

Match celebrities with books

Which local celebrities like to read "Treasure Island," the "Wizard of Oz" and the "Hardy Boys" series?

Area youngsters ages 5-12 can win prizes by going to the York County Public Library and matching local celebrities with their favorite children's books. The contest is sponsored by the library in celebration of National

Children's Book Week Nov. 9-16.

Prizes will be awarded to children who make the most correct matches. No answers will be accepted after 5 p.m. Nov. 16.

National Children's Book Week is sponsored by the Children's Book Council Inc. to encourage the enjoyment of reading for children.

Movie on book by Glasgow to be shown

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Yorktown Cien 11/17/85 Children's Book Week

YORKTOWN -- To celebrate National Children's Book Week, Nov. 9-16, children can go to the York County Public Library and try to match local celebrities with their favorite children's books by guessing who reads books like the "Hardy Boys," "Treasure Island" and the "Wizard of Oz."

The library is sponsoring a contest with prizes for youngsters, 5-12, who make the most correct matches.

No answers will be accepted after 5pm Nov. 16.

National Children's Book Week is sponsored by the Children's Book Council. Its purpose is to encourage the enjoyment of reading for children.

Daily Press 12-18-85 Learn how to make an investment

The York County Public Library will sponsor a free, four-week course on investments and markets from 7 to 9 p.m. Jan 14 and 21 and Feb. 4 and 11 in the library.

Martha Ingles, who has more than 11 years experience in the banking and brokerage fields, will teach the series. She is currently associated with Thom-

son McKinnon Securities Inc.

The same course will also be offered Monday nights beginning Jan. 13 for people on a waiting list for the investment series the library sponsored in October.

Registration is limited so advance registration is needed. For more information call the library at 898-0077.

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York Town Crier photo by Christine Evans

Winners in the world of books

National Children's Book Week was marked by a first-of-a-kind competition at the York County Public Library last week. Youngsters were challenged by York librarians to match up local personalities with their favorite childhood books. Neda Osvold, front, celebrating her 10th birthday, took the first prize. Other winners were Cathy Metcalf, 7; Jennifer Rudolf, 10, standing; Paul Arnold, 9, left; and Aaron Gage, 11. Another winner, Andrea Coates, is not pictured.



HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP!

The library is still understaffed and we really need your help. Our circulation desk is very long and we have trouble serving everyone in order. When you come to the desk, please form one line to the right of the typewriter.



Apple IIe - Microcomputer with printer and software is available NOW for use by the public. Orientation classes are held each month
NEXT CLASS - Dec. 21 - 9am

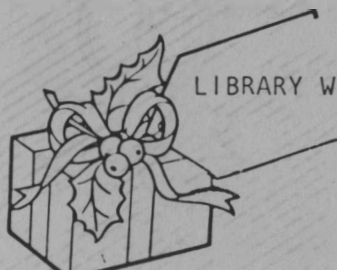
BUSINESS IS BOOMING!!!! In October patrons checked out 15,261 books, tapes, and other materials compared to 13,627 last year. 346 reference questions were answered and 94 hours were spent on the computer this October.



Have you met the new employees at the library?

Valerie Hill is our new cataloger. She replaced Clare Stifft, who retired this summer.

Elizabeth Pessagno is our new reference librarian. She replaced Charlotte Qwens. If you need help, ask for Elizabeth.

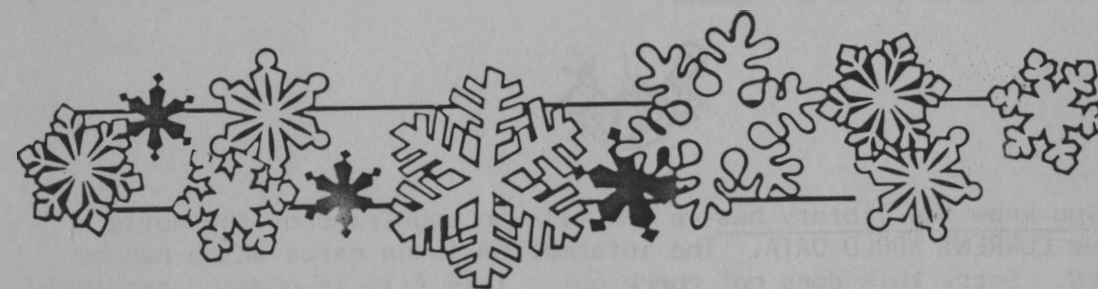


LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON December 24, 25, 26.



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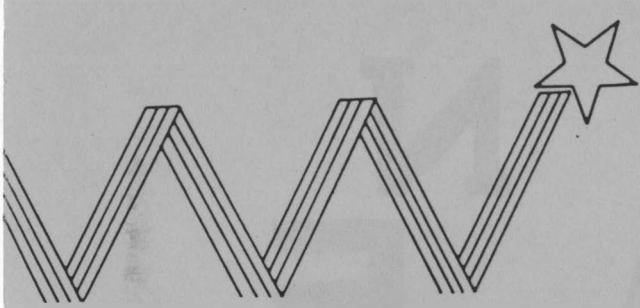
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FAMILY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Join us for an evening of carols and stories Thursday, December 19 from 7:30 'til 9. Movies, beginning at 7, will be shown for early arrivals. Carols led by Rich Follett with his guitar and stories told by Margaret Cubberly will highlight the evening's entertainment. Refreshments will be served after the program.

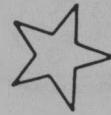
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY December 7th 2-4pm Ages 5-12
Register and obtain ticket Nov. 25 - Dec. 5
Films--Craft--Refreshments



THE COMET IS COMING!!!

observe Halley's Comet with other skywatchers at the Yorktown Battlefield. The Peninsula Nature and Science Center Planetarium is bringing "The Halley's Comet Traveling Road Show" to the battleground and will provide a guided tour of the comet/sky from there.

Here's the schedule: Nov. 22& 23, 8-11 pm.
Nov. 29 & 30, 8-11.
Dec. 20 & 21, 6-9.
Jan. 3 & 4, 5-8 pm.



COMETS & ASTRONOMY 523

HINT: In this library the Children's and Adult's fiction are shelved in separate areas; while ALL non-fiction is shelved in one area by Dewey number.



Did you know the library has--a new file on countries of the world called CURRENT WORLD DATA. The information is on cards which can be copied. Sorry this does not check out. This file is updated regularly.

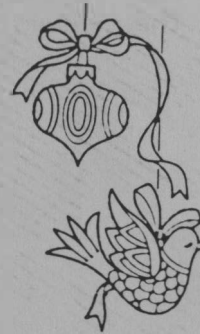
Need Christmas ideas?????

Check one of the Christmas books on display on the New Book Shelf near the circulation desk.

BOOKMARKS are a nifty little invention which replace pencils, gum wrappers, paper clips, comb\$, ticket stubs and date due cards. Give someone a bookmark for Christmas.



BOOKS ARE FOR SHARING Now that the weather is getting colder, a nice way to spend time with your children is to share a book.



Neda Osvoid was the winner of our Catch-a-Catalog Cat Contest held during National Children's Book Week. She and the 4 runners-up were interviewed by the York Town Crier.



Do you have a hobby? Do you want to show off your collection? The library has a display case near the front door. If you are interested in showing your collection or favorite hobby, contact Norma.



INVESTMENT COURSE

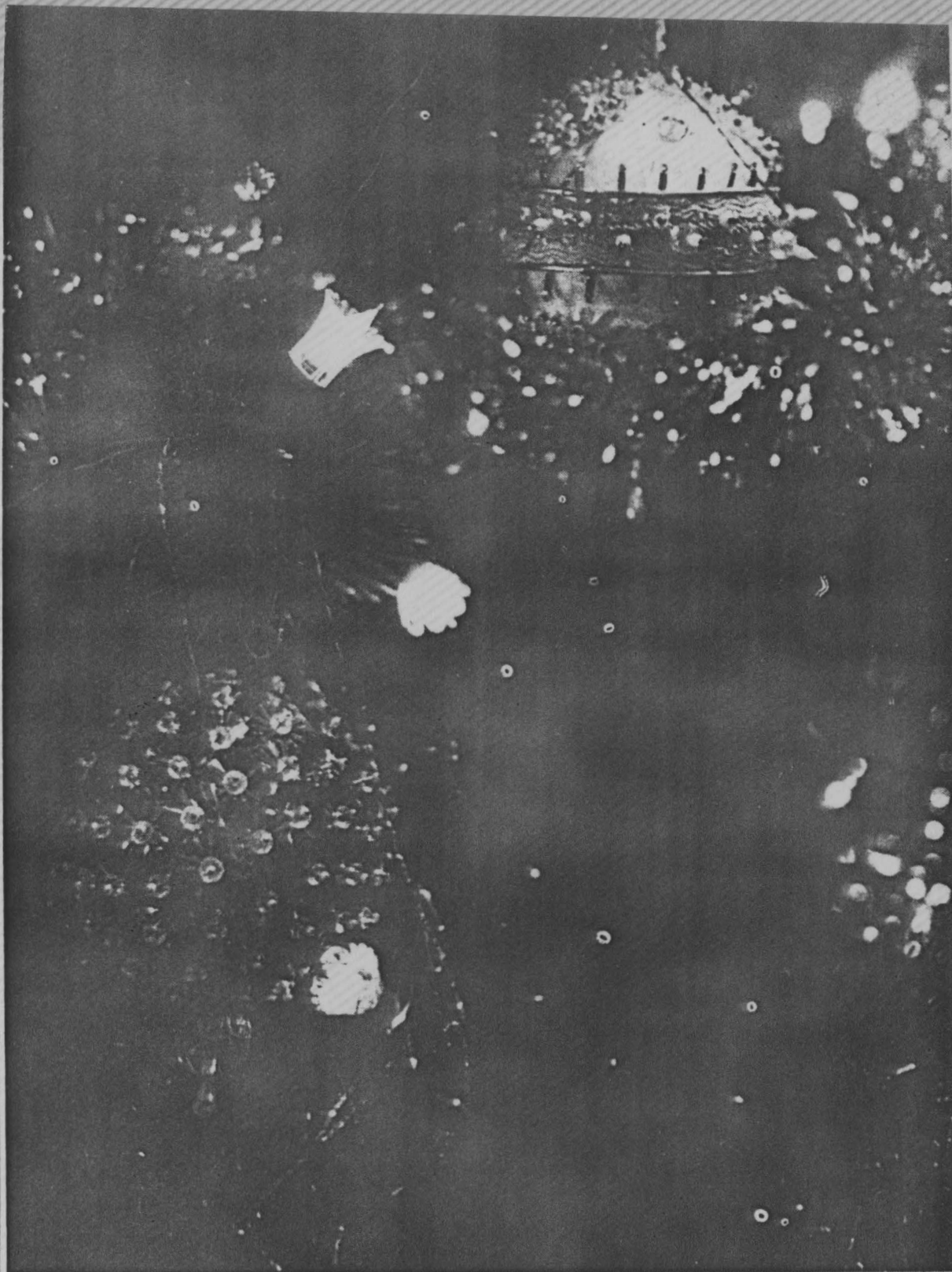
The recently ended seminar on "Basics of Investment" was so successful that it will be repeated in mid-January. A more advanced course, "Financial Planning and Strategy", is tentatively scheduled for February or March. Plan now to attend either or both. Watch for definite dates and times.



The Pre-School Storyhour is having a puppet show on Tuesday, December 3 at 10:30am.

The Friends of the Library provide our beautiful Christmas trees each year.





Images

The magic of lights and tinsel adorns the Christmas tree at the York County Public Library in this picture by York Town Crier photographer Nan Brown. Pictures of Peninsula faces and scenes are welcomed for publication in this space; send them to Images, York Town Crier, P.O. Box 126, Yorktown 23690.

York Town Crier, Dec. 18, 1983



Staff photo by JOE FUDGE

Tree all decked out

The Christmas tree at the York County Public Library is all aglow this year with the sparkling handmade ornaments done by Virginia Cervi, a county resident. Here, Mrs. Cervi makes some final adjustments to the tree featuring more than 100 ornaments that took her over 2,000 hours to create.



Daily Press 12/4/85
Children to party at library

A children's Christmas party will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday in the York County Public Library, Route 17 at Harrod Lane.

Children ages 5-12 are invited to see Christmas movies, make an ornament to take home and enjoy refreshments. Registration will continue through Friday. For more information, call the library at 898-0077.



Daily Press
12-12-85

Library to hold celebration for families

A family Christmas celebration will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday in the York County Public Library.

Margaret Cubberly and Rich Follett will delight listeners with stories and songs. Christmas movie shorts will be shown from 7 to 7:30 p.m. preceding the program.

Refreshments will be served at the close of the program.

For more information, call 898-0077.

Yorktown Crier Feb. 5, 1986

'Oldie' films

YORKTOWN -- The York County Public Library is holding an "Oldie But Goodie" film festival on Sunday afternoons during February.

Showtime is 2pm in the library's meeting room. The scheduled movies are:

- Feb. 9 -- "The Red Shoes."
- Feb. 16 -- "Great Expectations."
- Feb. 23 -- "Foreign Correspondent."

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Archeology course

YORKTOWN -- Students ages 8-12 can take an eight-week introductory course in historical archeology at the York County Public Library beginning Tuesday, Jan. 21. The class will be held from 4 to 5pm.

Enrollment is limited to 15 students. To register, call the library at 898-0077.

The course is sponsored by the Junior Archeology Association of Gloucester.

A parent or legal guardian must be present.

For further information, call Hampton General's education department at 727-7139.

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Correction

Two paragraphs from an unrelated story were erroneously included in an item about an archeology course at the York County Public Library in last week's "Clubs and Groups" section of the Town Crier.

Contrary to that item, there is no need for students' parents to be present. Also, an extraneous phone number was included; the correct number to call for registration is 898-0077.

Pay up, county warned

Funds sought for library

By RAY BETZNER
and BETH BURRELL
Staff Writers

No one wants to shut York residents out of the Williamsburg Regional Library.

But if York County doesn't pay its share of the library's costs, politicians warn that York residents could find themselves locked out or paying fees their Williamsburg and James City County neighbors can skip.

While the immediate dispute concerns library financing, local leaders are aware their decision could set a precedent for all regional programs, specifically the Williamsburg-James City community center that opens next year.

Until now, the regional funding flap has centered on York's contribution to the library, which was built by Williamsburg and is operated under a joint agreement with James City County. In the current fiscal year, the two are contributing \$230,227 each to the library and they are being asked to give \$251,936 each next year.

York contributed \$25,000 to the library for the current year. The library's trustees are asking York to increase its payment to \$45,000.

James City County Supervisors Chairman William F. Brown, in a letter to trustees Chairwoman Louise Kale, said that "you have indicated a fair level of funding, and we see no reason to accept less."

Brown, with the backing of the other supervisors, says this is the crucial year.

"We want to be a good neighbor, but enough's enough," said Brown. "There's a cost associated with operating those facilities. Those costs are going to be shared, either at the government level or individual level."

Williamsburg Mayor Robert Walker said City Council last year agreed York should pay its fair share, but has not taken up the issue this year.

York Supervisor Rodgers Smith agreed something needs to be worked out. "We've got better things to do than argue with our neighbors. Somebody's going to have to come to an understanding about it."

"I don't want to have the same flak we had last year. We've always had good cooperation between the jurisdictions. If they want to fight, they'll have to fight with somebody else."

It would be up to the trustees to levy a fee. Williamsburg Regional Librarian Martha Vazquez said the idea of a fee is "odious to us."

"If you charge the rates that are equal to the usage, you may disqualify many of the people who use the library," she said.

Mrs. Kale said the trustees are committed to an open library and would prefer York County pay its fair share.

Still, the prospect of a fee can't be ignored. York's Bruton District residents make up about 15 percent of library cardholders.

York County is spending \$207,804 to operate its own library this year, which represents \$15.90 spent per York County resident registered in the York library. In comparison, York's \$25,000 donation to the Williamsburg library represents

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\$8.42 per York resident registered there.

To bring financial support for the Williamsburg library up to par with support for the York library would require \$45,000.

If York doesn't pay the \$45,000, Brown told Mrs. Kale, "We must be prepared to curtail the service rendered to the residents of York County, or begin charging it at the \$15 or \$25 per-patron level your letter (to York) indicates."

York supervisors said they do not appreciate letters they have received from James City supervisors. Smith said the letters were threats that do more harm than good and imply York County is freeloading off the library. A joint meeting or conversations would have been more productive, he said.

"My reaction is I feel like I'm being held hostage," said York Chairman Benjamin M. Rush Jr.

Rush said York officials are not sure Mrs. Kale's figures are on target. "Maybe her numbers are correct as far as the number of (York) people who use the library, but the costs to the library may not actually be that much. We're paying what we think is adequate. I don't see us going the full \$45,000 this year."

Supervisor Tabb Smith said libraries should be considered public facilities, open to surrounding jurisdictions. If one jurisdiction charges for the use of its facility, they all should.

Ironically, York supervisors may be asked to reconsider their philosophy this year as the number of Gloucester County residents using their library on Route 17 continues to soar. County Administrator John Richardson said he may recommend asking Gloucester for financial support.

York Supervisor E. S. Bingley Jr., who represents the Bruton district and has pushed for support of the Williamsburg library, said, "We wish we could support it at the same per capita level that the other municipalities do."

Bingley noted the county does get some money back from the state by donating to a regional library. For every dollar York gives, the county will get 35 cents. If York gave \$45,000 to the library, it would get \$15,750 from the state.

Smith said the letters from James City supervisors were threats that imply York County is freeloading off the library.

If the three communities don't reach an agreement, it's likely they will face the same dispute when the Williamsburg-James City community center opens. James City will operate the center and supervisors have asked the Parks and Recreation Commission to propose rules for the center including what to do about York residents who want to use it.

The center's construction is being financed by Williamsburg and James City, and both will pay to run the center.

James City Supervisor Thomas Mahone said the county has two choices when it comes to York patrons.

"The county (York) could pay a percentage of the operation costs," said Mahone. "If the county doesn't do that, (we must remember) the citizens of Williamsburg and James City built this facility. Those who are not from one of these two jurisdictions will have to pay a different rate."

James City is already charging non-residents a higher rate to use the pool at the Upper County park, a move which has upset some non-residents.

Williamsburg and York open all recreation facilities to residents of both at a single rate.

Robert Kraus, York recreation director, hopes the jurisdictions can continue to share facilities without charging non-resident fees. He fears that once the practice is started, it could have a domino effect on the Peninsula.

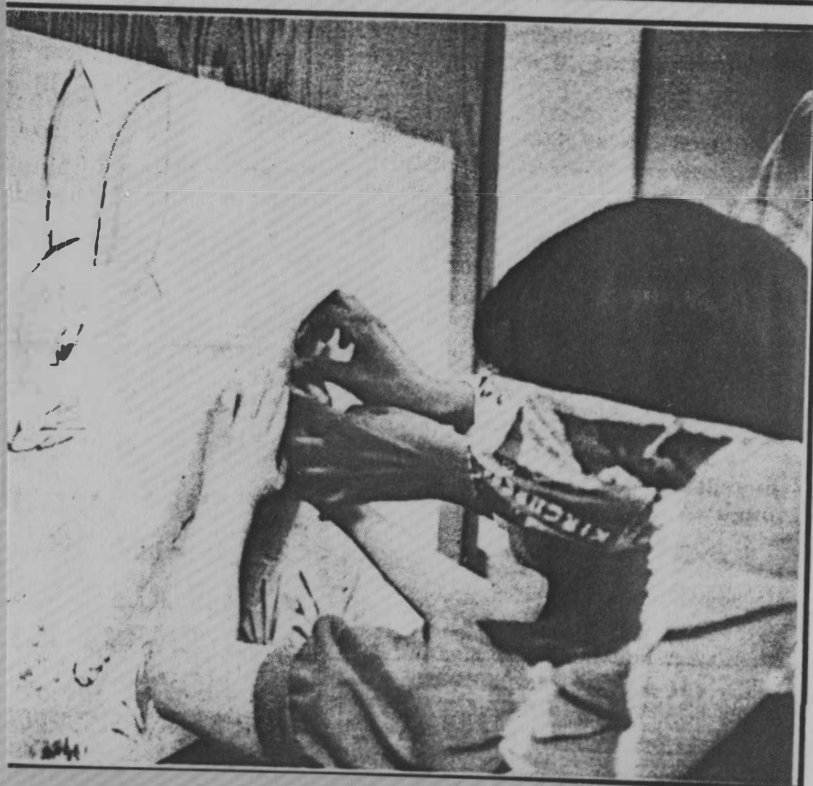
York and Williamsburg share schools for some recreation programs such as basketball, he said, and Williamsburg areas residents use Back Creek and New Quarter parks in York at the same fee charged York residents.

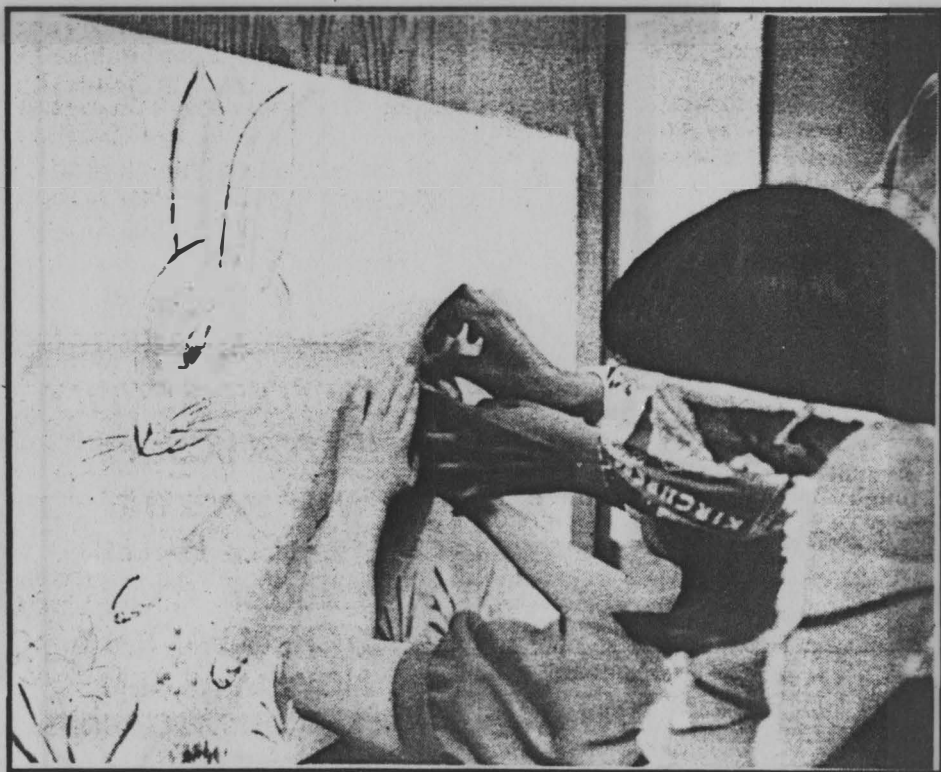
Library offers more than just books

The York County Public Library staged an Easter party for area kids last Saturday, offering events such as pin the tail on the Easter bunny, egg rolling contest and session on making colorful Easter baskets. With all the good weather over the weekend, it helped make the holiday even more fun.



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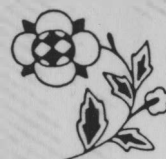
Staff photos by BUDDY NORRIS

Seven-year-old Gigi Abrahmson (above) plays pin the tail on the rabbit while Cori Kim of Gloucester (right) and Kathy Metcalf (left) write their names on the Easter baskets they just made.



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

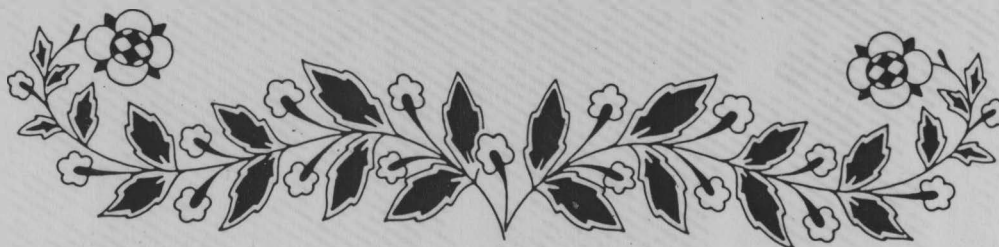
(April 7-12, 1986)



Celebrate National Library Week by learning about a new hobby. Each day there will be a demonstration of a craft or hobby, which will last approximately an hour and a half. Check out the following schedule, choose an interesting hobby, then come and enjoy! You may even want to come to them all.

Monday, April 7, 7 p.m.	Scherenschnitte	Betty Wood*
Tuesday, April 8, 7 p.m.	Basket weaving	Pam White
Wednesday, April 9, 7 p.m.	Cloisonne enameling	Chris Sheridan*
Thursday, April 10, 7 p.m.	Duck carving	Gary Holt
Friday, April 11, 3 p.m.	Pottery wheel	Monica Riffe*
Saturday, April 12, 11 a.m.	Quilting	Jean Harrison*

*A member of the Creative Arts Co-operative of On The Hill



York library *Daily Press* 4-2-86 shows crafts

The York County Public Library will celebrate National Library Week April 7-12 with a series of hobby and craft demonstrations.

Each demonstration will last about 90 minutes. Admission is free. Crafts are scheduled as follows:

- April 7 — 7 p.m., Betty Wood, scherenschnitte.
- April 8 — 7 p.m., Pam White, basket weaving.
- April 9 — 7 p.m., Chris Sheridan, cloisonne enameling.
- April 10 — 7 p.m., Gary Holt, duck carving.
- April 11 — 3 p.m., Monica Riffe, pottery wheel.
- April 12 — 11 a.m., Jean Harrison, quilting.

The library is on Route 17 at Harrod Road. For more information, call 898-0077.

Correction

YORKTOWN -- The York County Public Library is celebrating National Library Week this week with hobby and craft demonstrations. Each demonstration will last about an hour and a half.

The location of the demonstrations was not made clear in a Town Crier news item last week.

This is the schedule for the remainder of the week:

- Today (Wednesday), 7pm, cloisonne enameling; Chris Sheridan.
- Thursday, April 10, 7pm, duck carving; Gary Holt.
- Friday, April 11, 3pm, pottery wheel; Monica Riffe.
- Saturday, April 12, 11am, quilting; Jean Harrison.

There is no charge. The library is on Route 17 at Harrod Road. Call 898-0077 for more information.

Libraries: not just books

YORKTOWN -- The York County Public Library has a full summer of activities planned for kids.

Any child who was in grades 1-6 this past school year is invited to join the Catch a Tale Reading Club, which begins June 16 and ends Aug. 20.

Books reported on must have been read after the close of school and must have come from the library's collection. No pre-registration is necessary. A reading log will be kept at the library for each child.

Saturday, June 14, 1-2:30pm, there will be a craft-making party for children interested in joining the reading club. There will be refreshments and the first of the "Flash Gordon" movies (there are 12 in the series).

Saturday, July 19, 1-2pm, there will be a tiger party. Kids will make paper tigers and hear tiger stories.

An end-of-the-summer party for reading club members will be held Saturday, Aug. 23, 1pm. There will be refreshments, entertainment and drawings for prizes.

Movies appropriate for elementary-age children will be shown each Tuesday and Wednesday, beginning June 17 and ending Aug. 20. Movietime is 2pm (the same movies are scheduled for both days) and will last from 45 minutes to an hour. Pre-schoolers are welcome at the movies, but must be accompanied by an adult. An episode of the "Flash Gordon" series will be shown each week.

Poquoson library

POQUOSON -- Reading, stories, bicycle tips, karate and movies are all on the program for kids this summer at Poquoson Public Library.

Any child who was in grades 1-8 this past year is invited to join "Summer Quest '86: Catch a Tale and Read!" The reading club begins June 12 and ends Aug. 22. Books reported on must have been read after the close of school, and must have come from the library's collection.

Pre-schoolers may "read" with their parents or older brothers and sisters, and join the mini reading club. Chances at a variety of prizes will occur as children progress through the program.

Registration begins now for a four-week picture book program in July for children ages 3 to 6. Attendance will be limited in each age group. Interested parents should register their children at the library.

A program for school-aged children in bicycle safety and maintenance will be held Tuesday, Aug. 5, 10am to noon. Cycling safety habits, rules of the road, bicycle-traffic interaction, and basic maintenance tips and procedures will be discussed, and in some cases demonstrated.

Do you want to be a karate kid? Come to the Poquoson library Thursday, Aug. 7, to see karate in action, learn about karate and try some basic steps. The class for ages 5-8 is from 10 to 10:45am; the one for ages 9 and up, from 10:45am to noon.

Movies appropriate for elementary-age children will be shown each Tuesday at 2pm at the library, beginning June 17 and ending Aug. 19. The movies are scheduled to last approximately one hour.

The library hours are 10am-6pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 10am-9pm Tuesday and Thursday; and 10am-2pm Saturday. All events are free and open to the public.

"Your Neighbors," Daily Press, April 23, 1986



Staff photos by RANSY MORR

Ms. Riffe concentrates on her work as she demonstrates how to use the potter's wheel to create a piece of pottery.

Wheeling along

York County Public Library recently celebrated National Library Week with a series of hobby and craft demonstrations.

Monica Riffe brought her potter's wheel for a demonstration of her craft. Molding the clay with her hands, she created a piece of pottery for observers.



Hands work constantly to mold the shape of the pottery.



This heart-shaped tray contains a unique floral pattern inside.





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SATURDAY, MAY 31

BOOK SALE sponsored by the Friends of the York County Public Library, 10am-4pm at the library, Route 17 and Harrod Lane. Hardbacks 25 cents, paperbacks 10 cents.

Flower program

YORKTOWN -- Paul Freeman, owner of Freeman's Florist, will again demonstrate flower arranging skills at the York County Public Library Tuesday, May 13, at 7pm.

His topic will be "Self-Expression, Holland Style." Freeman, who recently returned from Europe, will share new ideas and trends in flower arranging.

To guarantee a seat, pre-register at the library, 898-0070.





Here are some ideas for summer reading

YORKTOWN -- Now that summer is here, take time to relax with a good book. Here is a list of new titles available at the York County Public Library.

"Cold Sassy Tree," by Olive Burns. Young Will Tweedy becomes chaperone, co-conspirator and confidant to his renegade grandpa and the old man's young wife.

"Grania, She-king of the Irish Seas," by Morgan Llewelyn. Sixteenth-century Ireland is the background for the real-life saga of Irish chieftain Grace O'Malley.

"The Two Farms," by Mary E. Pearce. Set in rural Gloucestershire in 1842, a tale of two families and the land they live on.

"Pride," by William Wharton. The story of a father, his son, a carnival stunt man and a lion whose lives converge during a summer holiday week.

"Seasons of the Heart," by Cynthia Freeman. A businesswoman is torn between devotion to her husband and her mentor.

"A Wodehouse Bestiary," edited by D. R. Bensen. A peripatetic snake, a cheese-loving hound, an esthetic pig, a gnu and other animals roam through this collection of P.G. Wodehouse short stories.

For mystery lovers:

"Lion in the Valley," by Elizabeth Peters. Amelia Peabody, the intrepid Egyptologist, in the Nile Valley in 1896.

"Raven Rock," by Mignon Ballard. A search for the mother who abandoned her as an infant leads a young woman into danger and suspense in the mountains of North Carolina.

"Break In," by Dick Francis. Mystery, melodrama and family rivalry in the world of British steeplechase racing.

"Academic Murder," by Dorsey Fiske. A tongue-in-cheek mystery with a Cambridge University setting.

"Two Thyrides," by Bertie Denham. A mystery with two ingeniously interwoven plots involving a father and his son and a plot to discredit them.

"The Turquoise Dragon," by David Wallace. A mystery involving endangered species, set in the Klamath Mountains.

"The Wickedest Show on Earth," edited by Marcia Muller and Bill Pronzini. A collection of suspense tales with a circus and carnival theme.

"A Perfect Spy," by John LeCarre. The tale of Magnus Pym, a British secret agent and his father, a flamboyant con man.

"Lie Down with Lions," by Ken Follett. An Englishwoman caught between the CIA and KGB, romance and loyalty in Afghanistan.

Science fiction lovers will like these:

"The Songs of Distant Earth," by Arthur C. Clarke. After the destruction of the solar system, two groups of survivors from Earth meet on a planet paradise.

"The Cat Who Walks Through Walls," by Robert A. Heinlein. A provocative look into the worlds of the future.

"The Belgaria Series," by David Eddings.

Non-fiction:

"Blessings in Disguise," a witty and elegant autobiography by Alec Guinness.

"Bess W. Truman." Margaret Truman's biography of the former first lady shows her to have been intelligent and caring as well as austere and private.

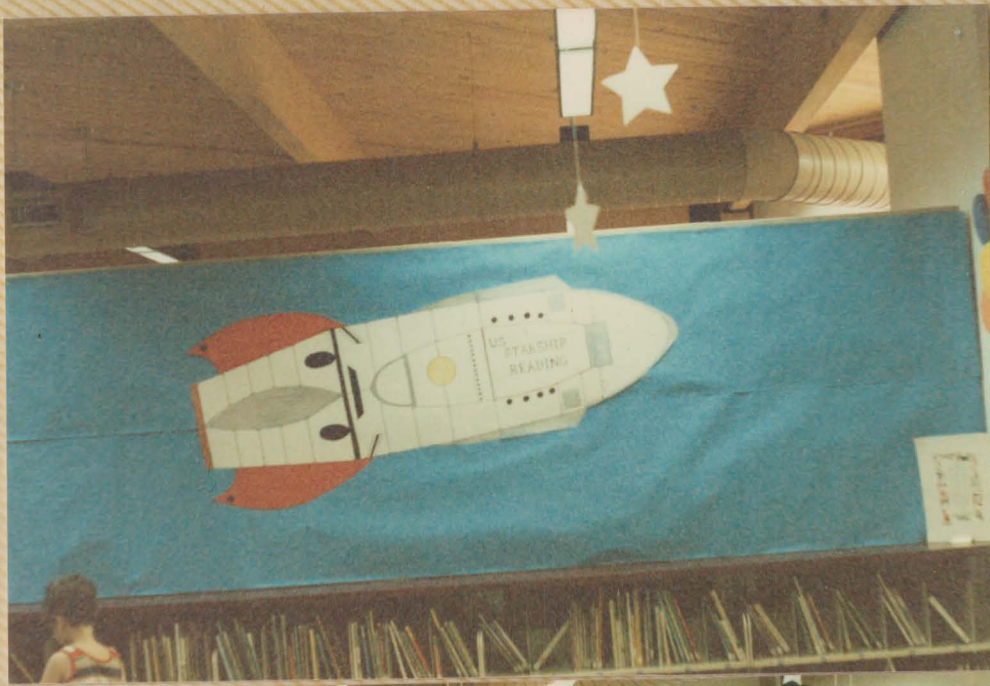
"Yeager: An Autobiography." Chuck Yeager's story: from West Virginia hillbilly to fighter pilot to the first man to fly faster than sound.

"Table of Contents," John McPhee's descriptions and observations of places and people from Alaska to New Jersey.

And for real relaxation:

"Lake Woebegone Days," by Garrison Keillor, a print adaptation of the popular public television series, "A Prairie Home Companion."





Awareness of color to be taught

A color awareness clinic for women will be offered at at 7 p.m. July 17 in the York County Public Library.

Cynthia Bates, a professional career image counselor and Mary Kay Cosmetics skin care consultant will teach awareness of color, how to develop color confidence and how to apply color for maximum impact. Participants should bring a favorite blouse with them to the clinic.

Each class will last approximately 1½ hours. Register in the library or by calling 898-0077.

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Beauty workshops

YORKTOWN -- A series of beauty workshops for teenagers will be held at the York County Public Library. Mary Ballard, who is certified in color awareness and home economics, will teach the classes. A workshop on skin care and makeup will be presented Monday, Aug. 4, at 7pm, and will be repeated at the same time Wednesday, Aug. 6. A workshop on color and wardrobe will be presented Monday, Aug. 11, at 7pm, and will be repeated at the same time Wednesday, Aug. 13.

Each class will last approximately 50 minutes. Register at the library or call 898-0077.

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Parking tops list of library needs

by Dick Ivy
York Town Crier

YORKTOWN — Satellite libraries for the Tabb and Bruton areas are on the long-term wish list of the York County Library Board, but its more immediate concern is additional parking area at the main branch.

The six-member board met last week to consider items for a five-year expansion plan, but much of the discussion centered on the need for additional parking at the Yorktown library as well as the possible expansion of the library building,

which was described as especially crowded in the computer and employee work spaces.

After promising to look for an odd piece of adjacent property to buy for more parking, the board members, led by President Robert Desmarais and Treasurer Eric Sheriff, marched out into the parking lot with a measuring tape to decide where more parking area could be provided at the existing facility immediately. They found space for eight to 10 head-in parking slots, which would relieve the current space limitation. All that would be needed, they decided, is to remove

some curbs and landscaping and restripe the lot.

Librarian Beverly Dudley was also concerned about more lighting for the library grounds and legal use of the community meeting room. She pointed out that the room is not available for social, money-raising or personal use.

To be included in the five-year plan is computerization of the library's offerings, although Desmarais wanted automation to come as late as possible to take advantage of other libraries' experience and the resulting standardization. He also suggested that current library per-

sonnel be trained to use the system rather than hire new personnel to do it.

Members of the board were to gather ideas for branch locations, size and services for discussion at the next meeting.

Library lot expansion considered

BETH BURRELL
Staff Writer

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YORK — Barely two years after the York County Public Library opened in Grafton, staff and board members are exploring the need for more parking at the Route 17 site and a branch location.

A parking lot expansion, more lights in the lot, computers and a branch library in Tabb may all be included in five-year development plan required by state library officials, Director Beverly Dudley said.

"We have a parking problem when there's a meeting or it's a busy night," Ms. Dudley said. "People are parking on the access drive."

The lot has 49 regular spaces, two handicapped spaces and one for a bike rack.

"One of our biggest needs is lighting in the parking lot," Mrs. Dudley said. "Complaints started the minute we moved in."

The lot has only four lights — two centered in the middle of the lot and the other two along the side of the lot.

The 12,000-square-foot library was financed by a \$900,000 general obligation bond. It opened in October 1984.

Last month, County Supervisor Julia Jensen, who represents the area on the Board of Supervisors, asked the library board to also prepare a five-year plan for the county.

The same plan likely will be submitted to Richmond and to supervisors, Mrs. Dudley said. The deadline is Oct. 1 for the state plan.

Mrs. Jensen wants library officials to determine how many nights of the week the parking lot is crowded and determine if "we really need it expanded."

"I also think they should take the lead in the satellite library decision and project its costs," she said. "I think it's time to put a satellite library in the Tabb area. We may find the Williamsburg contribution is a real bargain."

Each year, county supervisors hotly debate the donation to the Williamsburg Regional Library, used by York's residents in the Bruton district. Mrs. Jensen said she would like library officials to take a larger "leadership role" in deciding an appropriate donation to the Williamsburg library and not leave it to county supervisors.

A branch library has been considered for the Bruton District, but county officials do not think they could provide the same service as the Williamsburg library for the price. This year, the county is donating \$38,987 to the library, up from \$25,000 last year.

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Pixie to do magic at library

YORKTOWN -- Children who took part in the York County Public Library's summer reading club, "Catch-A-Tale Reading," are invited to a party Friday, Aug. 22, beginning at 1pm at the library on Route 17.

Pixie, "the South's leading lady magician," will highlight the afternoon's entertainment with a performance of mystifying tricks. Door prizes, refreshments and a drawing for a grand prize will be part of the afternoon's festivities.

Children also will be recognized for their efforts this summer. Preschoolers and children in grades 1-6 participated in this year's program.

For more information or to register, call 898-0077.

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Glamour course

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YORKTOWN -- The York County Public Library will sponsor a class, "Glamour for Women," Thursday, Sept. 18, at 10am and again Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 7pm.

Brenda Day, a local cosmetic sales director, will teach the art of applying makeup using live models and a videotape program.

To register, call 898--0077. The library is on Route 17 at Harrod Lane.

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Readers feast on sundaes

The end-of-the-program event for the York County Public Library's summer reading program was a make-your-own sundae party sponsored by the Friends of the Library with entertainment by Pixie the magician.

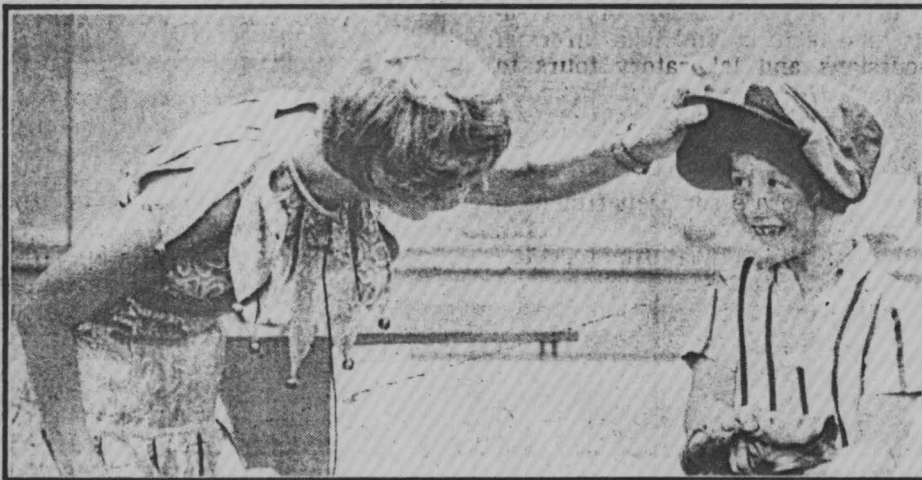
The library's summer reading club program for children, called "Catch-A-Tale and Read," was held from June 16 to Aug. 20.

As children read books, paper stars, plants and rocket flames with the child's name on them were hung in the children's room. Titles of books read were recorded on a tiger card which was decorated with stickers as titles were added. Preschoolers parti-

cipated in a read-to-me program, and they were given stars to stick on reading cards as books were read to them.

There were 188 children enrolled in the regular reading club and 47 preschoolers in the read-to-me program. This was a great improvement over last year's program which had only 102 children in the regular club and 26 preschoolers in the read-to-me program. The number of children's books circulated this year was 18½ percent greater than last year.

The reading club program included children's movies shown on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and two craft-making parties.



Pixie the clown gets some assistance from Charles Dryden, 9.



Lisa Deibler (left), 10, and Heather Musika, 7, enjoy their sundaes.



York Town Crier photo by Nan Brown

Books for business

Rodgers Smith, past president of the York County Business Association, left, and Beverly Dudley, York County librarian, heft some of the business and investment books that will be quartered in the new Dudley Business Center at the library. The center is being installed in memory of George Dudley, founder of the YCBA. The association has disbanded, and money left in its treasury, over \$1,800, has been donated to the library to build the special section.

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Library Sunday hours

YORKTOWN -- The York County Public Library is now open Sunday afternoon, 1-4pm.

Other hours are 10am-9pm Monday-Thursday, 10am-6pm Friday and 10am-5pm Saturday.

The York library has grown from a 1968 volunteer effort in a house on Route 17 at Dare Road to a \$900,000 full-service library built in September 1984. Since its move, the library has gained 9,000 new members, for a total of about 19,000, and added about 5,000 volumes for a total of about 38,000.

Other services include microfilm and computer listings, books on cassette tapes, some movies and video cassettes, a large print collection, local history references, and workshops and seminars held in the library's 60-seat community room.

The York library is on Route 17 at Harrod Lane across from Edgehill. For more information, call 898-0077.

Library Activities

Activities at the York County Public Library to look for soon include:

November 22 Friends of the Library will hold a book sale beginning at 10 a.m. There are always great bargains, especially cookbooks this time. Proceeds go toward library needs.

December 10, 15, 17, 22 Christmas movies for the entire family will be shown in the evenings. Call the library or watch for its November-December newsletter for details.

December 16 A family Christmas party will include singing carols accompanied by an ensemble from the York River Community Orchestra. Also short videos for children and refreshments. In the evening, time to be announced later.

December 20 Children's Christmas party will include Christmas crafts, Christmas movies and, of course, goodies. Pre-registration required, beginning December 1. Time: 1-2:30 p.m.

Beginning in January Friends of the Library will show classic films. For more information, see library newsletter.

Sunday afternoon hours will begin as soon as new staff members are hired and installed. Watch for announcements.

--Valerie Hill







Library Grows With York

years ago the York County Public Library moved from a storefront location to a new, modern building and has become a full-service library with growing membership and services.

Since the move 9,000 new members have joined for a total of about 19,000; and about 5,000 books have been added each year for a total of 38,000. Capacity of the library is estimated at 50,000 volumes.

Circulation (the number of items loaned) has increased 19 percent since the move. A circulation record was set in July when 4,569 items were loaned in one week.

Modern Services

The modern library offers more than just books. Computer and microfilm technology as well as audio and video cassettes have enhanced library services.

Last year the library's collection was put on microfilm, allowing it to participate in the Inter-Library Loan program. If York does not have a book, the microfilm list of nearly all Virginia libraries' holdings may locate the wanted book which can be ordered by mail. "We have access to almost any book in print," says Librarian Beverly Dudley.

The Magazine Index is a microfilm listing of magazines by title and subject.

A computer is available for patrons to use after a half-hour instruction course. Many software programs also are available.

A new service at York Library is a collection of books on audio tape. A "reader" can now "listen" to a book at home or even on the road if the car has a tape deck. Music also is available on cassette. A limited collection of movies on video cassettes may be checked out for one week.

Those who have difficulty reading fine print may ask at the desk about a collection of books the library now offers containing large print.

Reference Section Growing

A much larger collection of reference materials is now offered to students and researchers from a variety of encyclopedias, literary criticisms, medical dictionaries, investment books, car repair manuals (which can be taken out with a \$5 deposit), State and York County Code books, major telephone books, and a number of business forms (such as Power of Attorney, etc.) that can be duplicated.

Board of Supervisors' minutes, county studies and ordinances also are available in the research section.

Teachers may request the library to hold books on a certain subject in the reference section so that students will be guaranteed resources on the current study topic.

Local History Room

A unique service is the Local History room. Donations are sought of local family histories, old photos of York County, old issues of the William and Mary Quarterly, and any other materials that document York's history.

Other Services

The library offers many free workshops, lectures, and seminars on topics ranging from investments to the use of cosmetics as a service to the community.

A meeting room that seats 60 may be used free by community organizations. A library newsletter is published bi-monthly and is available free at the library. About 200 children participated in this summer's reading program which strives to help children retain reading skills over the summer.



STAFFERS ROBIN CORLEY AND NORMA COLTON RETURN SOME OF THE 38,000 VOLUMES TO THE STACKS.

Staff

In addition to Mrs. Dudley, the staff consists of nine full-time or part-time members plus six student pages and many volunteers who donate about 250 hours each month.

Guiding operations at the library is the Library Board, appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Library Board members are: Mrs. Elizabeth Rogers, Mrs. Elizabeth Hughes, Eric Sheriff, Mrs. Cynthia S. Peters, and Robert Desmarais.

Future Plans

Plans call for additional hours on Sunday afternoon and for adding a children's librarian sometime in December.

York County Public Library Hours

Monday-Thursday	10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
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Holiday Events Scheduled

Holiday activities at the library include parties and movies for the whole family:

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Robin C. Corley

GLOUCESTER -- Robin Cole Corley, 30, died Thursday in Riverside Hospital.

She was employed by the York County Public Library.

She graduated from Poquoson High School and Westhampton University, Richmond. She attended Christopher Newport College. She was a member of Phi Alpha Theta.

Survivors include her parents, retired Lt. Col. John Corley II and Peggy Corley of Gloucester; a brother, John G. Corley III of Hampton; and her maternal grandmother, Esther Copley of Richmond.

A funeral was held Saturday at Peninsula Funeral Home by the Rev. Bruce Wilder. Burial was in Maury Cemetery, Richmond.

The family requests that expressions of sympathy take the form of contributions to the Epilepsy Foundation of America, 1828 L Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

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Goodbye, Robin

Town Crier:

ROBIN CORLEY
1956-1987

Those of you who frequent the York County Public Library knew her. Yes, of course, you knew her. That tiny little bundle of energy with the long dark hair and the big, flashing dark eyes. Robin.

Her domain, her world, was the circulation desk at the library. Woe and betide anyone who returned a book that had languished behind the dresser for three months. She may have commiserated with you, but you paid a price -- your fine! Books are friends and should be treated as such.

Robin was brave. She was ill but didn't pay that much attention to it, and would rather you didn't pay much attention to it, either.

We all, the staff, the library board, the Friends of the Library, the volunteers and the general public, shall miss her.

Rest in peace, little Robin.

Peg McNulty
Yorktown

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Library valentines

YORKTOWN -- The York County Public Library is inviting children in grades 1-6 to make a valentine for their favorite author or illustrator.

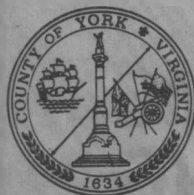
The valentines should be brought to the library by Thursday, Feb. 12. They will be on display in the children's section during February.

For more information, call 898-0077.

Public library offers more than just books

This article is the eighth in a 13-part series about York County government. Each department reporting to the county administrator will be examined to give York County residents a glimpse "Inside Your County." The articles are written by the York County Information Office

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Staff photo by JOE FUDGE

Preparing to replace some of the recently returned library books are Jill Mangieri (left) and Pat Huck.

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Staff

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full- or part-time members plus six student pages and many volunteers, who donate about 250 hours each month. A 200-member volunteer group, Friends of the Library, helps the library by raising funds and donating time and materials. The Library Board, appointed by the Board of Supervisors, guides the operations of the library.

Library hours

Operating hours are: Monday-Thursday — 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday — 1 to 5 p.m.

The next article in the series, "Inside Your County," will look at two county programs, the Home Health Aide Office and the Housing Office.

Daily Press, April 8, 1987

Public libraries expanding focus to include new innovations

By KAREN COX
Staff Writer

The public library of the '80s is no longer just a storage building for books. The printed word still reigns supreme here, but a new public lifestyle is creating a demand for public libraries to offer newer, more technologically advanced services born of the electronic and computer age, library officials say.

Modern day library patrons with their busy schedules and limited reading time can check out books on audio cassette tapes and listen to them during their commutes to and from work. Rather than looking at pictures and diagrams in books to learn new skills they can take home a how-to videotape from the library. And, instead of plunking down \$1,000 to \$2,000 for a home computer he knows nothing about, a patron can reserve time on the library's personal computer system to learn and explore before buying.

Moreover, today's public library, with its film showings, community meeting places and classrooms, has become more of a community center than just a place for reading, research and study.

At the York County Public Library, located at 8500 George Washington Highway, automation is moving at a slower pace than at the other libraries on the Peninsula, but changes still have been numerous and will continue as public needs and desires change, says Library Director Beverly Dudley.

While other Peninsula libraries have computerized all their library listings, the York County facility continues to rely on card catalogs for identifying and locating books and resource material.

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"But, our listings are recorded on a computer for the State Library System," says Mrs. Dudley. "The state provides grants money for the processing and includes our collection in a statewide listing of available books and periodicals, all of which are regularly updated."

That listing makes the library a part of the state inter-library loan program with the York facility lending to and borrowing from libraries throughout the state.

In-house automation of the library's offerings will come eventually, says Mrs. Dudley, adding "it's just a matter of money and time."

Right now there are other priorities — increasing the library's offerings of videotapes, books on cassette and regular books, particularly in the area of non-fiction which has increased in popularity in recent years. Of the 175,000 plus books circulated last year in York County, only half were fiction, which Mrs. Dudley says is a recent trend born of the do-it-yourself generation.

"And there is a definite need for a small branch operation in the Tabb area," she says. "We have included money for a small branch office in our budget and hope to have it open in one of the shopping centers by the end of the year."

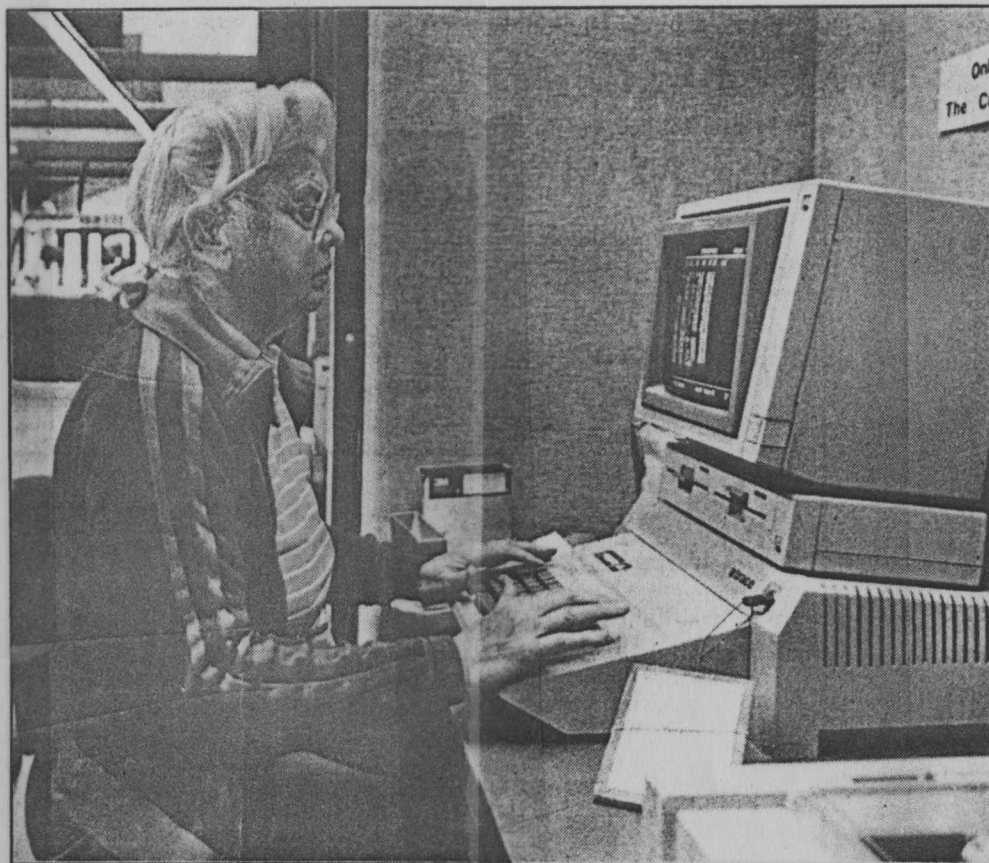
Bruton area residents use the

Williamsburg Public Library under a contractual arrangement between that facility and the one in York County. York County also contracts with the Newport News Public Library system for use of its offerings for the visually handicapped though some large-print books are available at the York County facility.

And in addition to the regular library fare — including public access copy machines, newspapers and periodicals plus servicing of jails and nursing homes — public libraries also are making space available for community meetings, film showings and classes.

At the York County Library, an 11,500-square-foot building opened just two years ago, the meeting room is reserved weeks, sometimes months, in advance. When community groups haven't reserved it for meetings and discussions, the library has it booked for special events such as a recent quilting program complete with a how-to videotape showing and on-site demonstrations and exhibits or an upcoming showing of the award-winning film documentary about the Godspeed's recreated Atlantic crossing followed by a question-and-answer session with Sailing Master and Assistant Godspeed Captain Peter Meekins.

The York County library opened in a house on Route 17 in 1969 with a total volunteer staff. Mrs. Dudley arrived



Agnes Strandfeldt runs a program on stocks as she works on the library's computer which is available for public use.

about a year later. Now the library is housed in an all-modern brick building, supported by a 12-member staff and eight student pages.

"We still use volunteers and it looks as though we are going to remain dependent on them," Mrs. Dudley says. "Almost all of the carding of books is done by volunteers now. And as we grow there is more and more that we want to offer. To do that, we still need volunteer help."

Looking to the future, Mrs. Dudley isn't sure what is in store, but thinks it will be many years before libraries are computer linked with each other and patrons at home.

"Everyone has a different system, even the libraries, and most of the systems aren't compatible," she says. "Until there's some standardization, there isn't any way to link together."

Some libraries now have access to a database that gives listings of magazine articles on any subject, complete with the magazine's name, date of publication and sometimes a brief summary of the information contained in the article, says Mrs. Dudley.

"It would be nice if there were a way to send magazine articles from one library to another, particularly for small libraries like ours which have a limited number of periodicals," she says. "But that has yet to be done."



Pamela Shealy helps her daughter Sydney as she looks through a book and learns words beginning with a "C."



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Charles Haines (left) looks for tax papers while Paula Cole investigates the York County library's other resources.

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These Friends are true-blue to their library

by Beth Melsner
York Town Crier

YORKTOWN -- Friends, true friends, aren't all that easy to come by. Friends of 10-year standing assume an especially important role in the life of a person -- or an institution.

Last week the Friends of the York County Library hosted their 10th annual party for the library's volunteers. Embarking on their 11th year, the Friends look forward to providing continued financial and manpower support for the county facility.

Old Friends newsletters provide insight into the formation and growth of this organization.

It has never been expensive to be a Friend. The individual membership fee in 1978 was just \$2. Now it is only \$3.

The spring 1979 newsletter reported a membership of 149 and a treasury of \$474. And it contained a warning about the county library, then housed in a small storefront in Grafton Shopping Center: "The very limited space is fast being consumed." A later newsletter the same year reported that the No. 1 priority of the Friends would be to "support relocation and/or a new library facility."

Through dues, donations and fund-raising projects, the Friends have continued to support library programs for a decade. What began as annual book sales has, in some years, mushroomed to multiple sales.

Funds raised by the Friends show up in direct and indirect ways. In the early years, when the library was still in the shopping center, the Friends purchased carpet for parts of

the facility. In 1980 the Friends convinced area businesses to provide prizes for youngsters who entered library-sponsored contests.

The Friends and local business establishments have contributed to many such library-sponsored programs. In the past 10 years, throwing parties for young and not-so-young users of the library.

The Friends found 1981 to be a busy year. There was a petition available in the library requesting the local Circuit Court to order a bond referendum for a new library. That same year the Friends were involved in an innovative fund-raising project, encouraging children to participate in a "Donate-a-Brick" campaign.

The campaign for a new library paid off. The bond referendum was placed on the ballot and passed. The result: a new home for the library on Route 17 at Harrod Lane.

The highlight, or perhaps low-light, of the year came at the county 4th of July celebration. The Friends had a tent for the festivities. High winds collapsed it, around and on top of working Friends. Passersby stopped by to lend a helping hand.

And the work went on. Over the years many of the same names have reappeared on the Friends' board. These concerned, active citizens want to increase the accessibility and relevance of the library and its collection to everyone who uses it.

An independent group which now numbers almost 200, the Friends are not associated with either the county or the library. They are there to help, whenever and however they can. They're friends -- in the truest sense of the word.

'Special people' honored at library luncheon

by Beth Melsner
York Town Crier

YORKTOWN -- "Volunteers are very special people," said Janice Ward, volunteer coordinator at the York County Public Library. "They make books and libraries more available to more people."

Ms. Ward was talking to a gathering of about 60 people in the conference room at the library last week. They had met to honor those who had contributed 3,252 hours of volunteer work at the facility this year. A luncheon, hosted by the Friends of the York County Library, was followed by remarks from state Del. George Grayson, D-James City County.

Grayson hailed people who "love books, read books, take care of books and want to increase their access to other people." He suggested several ways to increase the usefulness of the library, including a statewide computer network of libraries and a local council of librarians who could work to coordinate acquisitions.

Grayson noted that today's library users include a great number of senior citizens, whom he called an "important constituency in libraries." Programs and books for these seniors, combined with an effort to

"get a library card into the hands of every young person," are worthy challenges for this and any library, he said.

Speaking after Grayson, Ms. Ward described some of York County's library volunteers. "They come in all shapes and sizes," she said, "and range in age from 12 to 84." There are a married couple who come in one evening each week after full days at work, and a teenager who gives four to five hours each weekend. There's someone who mends books, another who designs and creates the bulletin boards, and another who sorts coupons. One volunteer is a former York County library employee who returned to do weekly volunteer work after retiring.

They all have one thing in common, Ms. Ward said: "Volunteers give the library life."

Library news

YORKTOWN -- The people at the York County Public Library have some things they'd like you to know about:

- The Spring Book Sale, Saturday, May 16, 10am-1pm. Paperbacks for 10 cents, hardbacks for 25 cents and special collections will be offered. The librarians welcome book donations for the sale, by May 15.
- Library cards need to be updated -- this year they'll need an orange dot. Stop by the circulation desk to get yours renewed.
- There are gaps in the collection of local high school yearbooks. Needed are Tabb High School's 1977 edition, and York High School's 1959, '60, '63, '67, '78 and '83 editions.

York Town Crier, April 22

Party to kick off summer reading series

A kickoff party for "READiscover U.S.," the summer reading program at the York County Public Library, will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. June 22 in the library and feature "Ben and Me."

This year's program will be based on the number of hours spent in reading, rather than the number of books read.

Children who completed grades one through three will select a transportation vehicle sticker for each hour spent in reading. Youngsters who completed grades four through six will receive a sticker to place on one of the 50 states for each hour spent in reading.

The transportation posters and maps will be used to decorate the Children's Room and may be taken home at the end of the program.

Other special events include:

July 2 — 2-3 p.m.; juggler-magician party with Tim Nolan.

July 8 — 2-4 p.m.; chocolate party with "Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory."

July 23 — 2-3 p.m.; Magic Trunk Players.

July 29 — 2-4 p.m.; create your own program talent party.

Aug. 6 — 2-3 p.m.; American craft party.

Aug. 14 — 2-4 p.m.; final party with Steve Kissell, clown and entertainer.

Movies will be shown from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays and repeated Wednesdays, June 23-Aug. 12.

Other activities for children who completed grades one through six in-

clude contests to design transportation vehicles of the future and to write special book reports which will become part of a "book" to be kept in the Children's Room.

Preschool programs will begin June 23 and end Aug. 13. Reading logs of books read to children will be kept in the Children's Room and may be taken home Aug. 11 or 13.

Because of the large response, the preschool story hour will be divided into two groups. Children who will be eligible for public school kindergarten or first grade will meet Tuesdays. Parents do not have to stay with their children. Children who are at least 3 years old but too young for the Tuesday program will meet Thursdays. Parents must initially stay with their children.

Parents should sign their children up for the preschool program as soon as possible.

Glamour class date changes

The date of a glamour workshop sponsored by the York County Public Library has been changed. The workshop will be held at 7 p.m. June 24 in the library.

John and Jan Hall, cosmetologists of The New Beginning Hair Styling Salon, will give advice and tips for hair care and use of cosmetics and will practice applying makeup at individual work stations.

Participants should bring a stand-up, table-top mirror, cosmetics and a washcloth to remove makeup if makeup is worn to the workshop.

Register in the library or call 898-0077.

Library gift

YORKTOWN -- The York Chapter of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation has given \$1,000 to the York County Public Library. It's the largest donation for books the library has ever received.

The money will be used to create a section, probably in the local history room, that will contain books and other material dealing with the history and future of the Chesapeake Bay, the people who work on it, and wildlife in and around it.

Hayden Ross-Clunis, president of the local chapter, says that with the emphasis on environment that's prevalent today, "we thought it important to have a place where students and researchers could go to find the latest and best publications about the Chesapeake Bay. The contribution is a pro-environmental action."

Librarian Beverly Dudley says the books the library is looking for are not as easy to come by as they once were because of recent tax law changes. Publishers are printing only as many as they think will sell immediately, she says, because high inventories of unsold books are no longer tax-depreciable.

"It's going to take quite a while to spend that much money," she says. She's beginning to contact out-of-print book dealers.

Glamour at the library

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York County Public Library promotes reading

(This article is the first of three on summer reading activities for children. Each article will discuss how to interest youngsters in books and will suggest two books suitable for an age group.)

By **THERESA BEALE**
Staff Writer

Sherry Inabinet knows of at least 300 youngsters whose vacationing minds haven't been put on hold this summer. They're visiting the York County Public Library weekly for fun and games with a literary slant.

Preschoolers pack four story hour sessions weekly at the library while more than 200 students who have completed the first through the sixth grades are participating in the "READiscover U.S." summer reading program.

"We're trying to emphasize with both groups that this is reading for pleasure," she says. "They can read magazines, newspapers, anything, but we do encourage new materials."

The premise for Inabinet's anything-goes attitude is her method of recording reading activity in the "READiscover" program. "I'm basing everything on the number of hours they read, rather than what a lot of summer reading programs do by counting the books or pages they read," she explains. "Children on third- and fourth-grade books don't want to read on their grade level if they see friends reading a lot of simple books."

Every hour of reading warrants notice for the youngsters. Students who have completed the first-through the third-grades get a transportation sticker on their personal record sheet, with a total of 40 stickers available for the eight-week program. A map of the U.S. forms the record sheet for the older students, and they get a star in a state for each hour they read. Youngsters keep their own records on a monthly calendar.

Since most preschoolers aren't reading yet, they mark progress by the numbers of books read to them

by their parents. For every three books read, the tots get stickers on their personal record sheets. The 3- and 4-year-olds get egg stickers around a chicken breaking out of an egg, saying "Crack a Good Book!" The kindergarteners and first-graders get a gold nugget on a drawing of a rainbow, comparing books to the rainbow's legendary pot of gold.

Aside from record-keeping, the summer reading programs center on entertainment, Inabinet says. The preschool story hours include the reading of a book, movies, puppet shows, movies and games. Each week the "READiscover" kids have a special activity, ranging from a juggling act to a "chocolate day," featuring a showing of the movie, "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," and the children's preparation of chocolate recipes.

The end result, Inabinet hopes, is children seeing books as fun, not duty.

3- and 4-year-olds

Since few children in this age group are reading on their own, books read to them must be attention-getting, says Inabinet. Brilliant color illustrations and a short, simple story will keep the youngsters interested.

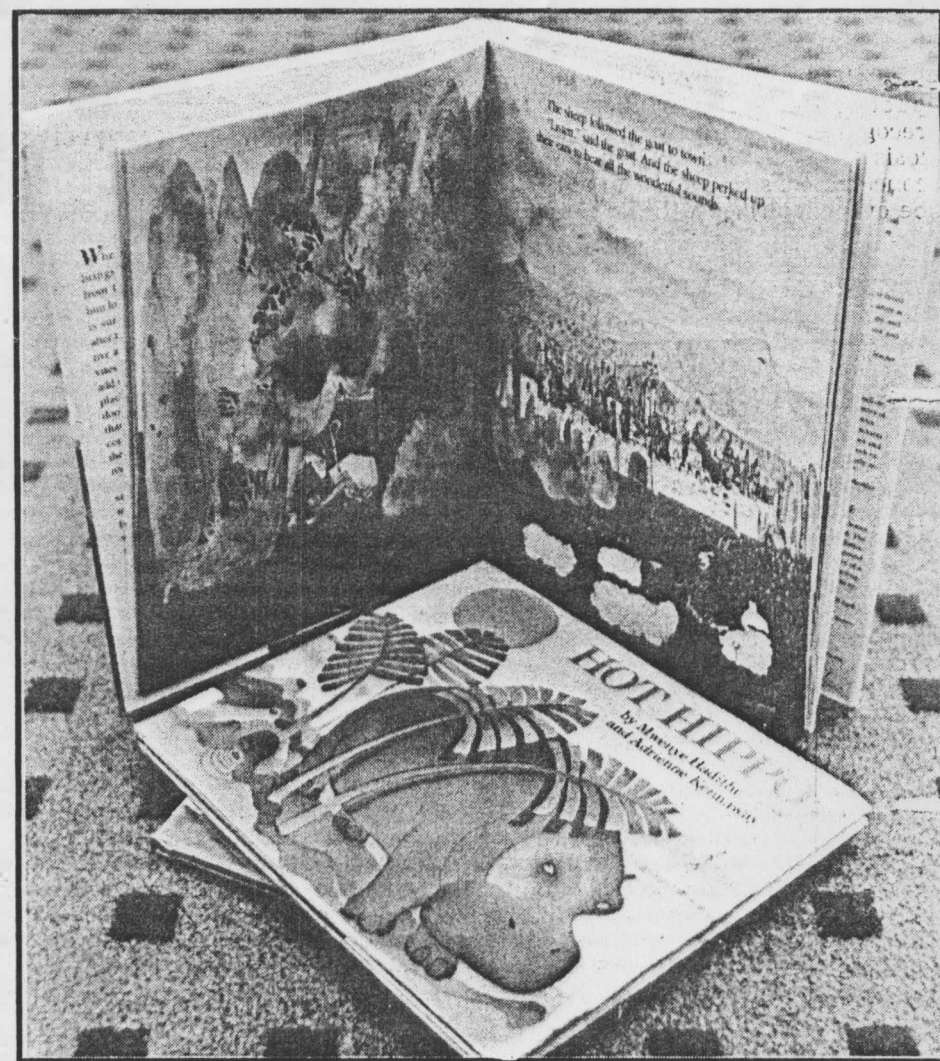
"They love books that have special effects," she says. Cut-out pages that let the youngsters preview a coming page and pop-up pages are all-time favorites.

Preschoolers also like animal stories, especially if the characters express the same emotions that the youngsters themselves feel.

Inabinet suggests two books for this age group:

Hot Hippo
by **Mwenye Hadithi**
and **Adrienne Kennaway**

With colorful illustrations full of jungle scenes, the story relates how the hippopotamus came to live in the water. Hippo, a charming purple creature, envies the fishes he sees swimming in the rivers because he is always hot. He pleads with Ngai, the



The lively characters in these two animal stories express the same emotions that the youngsters themselves feel.

god of Everything and Everywhere, to allow him to live in the water where he can be cooler.

Hippo, the story explains, makes an arrangement with Ngai for living in the water without eating the fish.

Goat's Trail
by **Brian Wildsmith**

Vivid colors and cut-out pages cap-

ture youngsters' attention with this tale of a goat who tired of living on a remote mountaintop. The goat decides to go to town, gathering his friends from the countryside to join him in his adventure.

The band of animals encounter trouble in an urban environment and the goat finds himself alone again as his friends flee.





Hair with flair

YORKTOWN -- A hair care workshop, conducted by Jan Hall of The New Beginning Hair Styling Salon, will be held at the York County Public Library Wednesday, July 15, at 6pm.

Participants will receive advice on hair style, cut, and basic hair care, and should come prepared to ask questions about hair problems or try a "new look."

Register at the library or call 898-0077. Enrollment is limited.

Participants will receive



No Sunday hours

YORKTOWN -- The York County Public Library on Route 17 will be closed Sundays during August and the first Sunday in September. Sunday afternoon hours will resume Sept. 13.

Hours of operation on other days are 10am-9pm Monday-Thursday, 10am-6pm Friday, and 10am-5pm Saturday.

For further information, call 898-0077.

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